

Headquarters First Separate Brigade,
EIGHTH ARMY CORPS

Relay House
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My Darling wife

Since we arrived in Maryland last Thursday evening I can tell you we have had quite an exciting time of it, and it is somewhat exciting about here yet but I am very well satisfied that the worst of the trouble up this way is over and the "Johnnies" will be in big luck if they get back over the river again with their ill got gains. My loss in the fight of last Saturday will not be as large as I expected at first as quite a number that I supposed were prisoners have come in since - Major Dillingham and myself came very near being taken prisoners - we had to retreat over quite a large hill and had to do it very quick to - after getting over the hill on the Rail Road we found two old lame horses - (I had sent mine to the rear by Johnnie in the first of the fight) which