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My dear wife

This is the first
time I have had a chance to
send a letter to you since I
wrote to you from Haspers Landing
We have had as rough a time
as any one could wish. It has
rained nearly all the time and
we have had to lay out of doors
most every night and lay in
puddles of water at that and march
all day. Last night we came into
this camp and for the first time
for a week I have had a good
night's sleep. We are now in the
3^d Army corps Genl French Com^{de}
There are some 20,000 men in all
and I can tell you it is a sight
to look upon. We are some 80