

Camp in the field near Culpeper Va
Sept 18th 1863

My dear wife:-

You perhaps may be surprised to learn that we have moved. But it is a fact and here we are near the Rapidan with a line of battle over 10 miles long. We are the center of the line because we are the strongest. The left wing are having a skirmish just now we can hear the firing very distinctly and we may have it a little more than we can to have it but we must take it as it comes. When we moved from the other camp we had but 10 minutes notice and that just at night. We marched nearly all night and started at 5 in the morning and marched all day till 10 o'clock that night. My poor horse never got a mouthful of any thing to eat for over 24 hours - reason we did not stop long enough for them to eat, Our men did not have a meal from 8 A.M. till after 10 P.M. and march like the