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Mr. Daniel Cody,
Rame,

S. G.

Camp of the 47th Reg. S.M.V.
near Belle Plains, Va.

April 27th '63. (Emj)

Dear Father:

I sent you by Express, today, a package of money, containing \$12.50; enclosing a statement of who it was to be paid to. \$2.20. is for Mrs. Mathis, \$2.05. for Mrs. Alexander, \$65. for Rev. Mr. Beacham, \$35. for George Frisbie, (Vernon), \$10. for Mrs. Jane A. Hawkins, and Sanderson and there is to be credited to me \$74.50, of which \$53.00. is my own money. One of our men departed \$15.00. with me, and another one \$35. Charge those to whom the several amounts are sent, their proportion of the Express charges, with the exception of Mr. Beacham, as you will see by the statement enclosed with the package. I collected the note of St. Alexander, and also \$25. which he owed Gustaves, which with other items credited to Gustaves, makes my account with him nearly square, if he has not paid you anything on it before this. Crediting you with \$5.45, for Express package, Feb. 9. (contents & Express charges) and (retroactively) the \$39, which I had charged you, as being paid by Gustaves, there is =

amounted \$396. To my credit, which, with the \$745.
now sent you, will make a total of \$1.141.
subject to my order.

I wrote a letter to Mother Hart yesterday, telling
about all the news. But there remains an item
of news more important than I have yet commu-
nicated: we this afternoon received definite or-
ders to march tomorrow morning at 8 a.m.
with 8 days rations (the officers having their carried
upon mules, & the men carrying their in Haversacks
& Knapsacks. It is not known what is to be our
destination, but we expect to march in the direction
of Port Royal - perhaps 30 miles or more.

I have been informed that the 5th & 11th
Army Corps have yesterday and today marched to
Warrenton, about 40 miles N. of South from here.
The weather is promising, and I have no doubt the
campaign is about to commence in earnest.
We expect to see the rebels pretty soon. The Army
feels confident of success this time, though it
may be achieved with great sacrifice. We know
positively, that from all its training in the hard
school of experience, that the Army of the Potomac,
taking into account its spirit, and discipline, sani-
tary condition, and general efficiency, is better pre-

pared than ever before, for the performance of the storm
and stupendous task required of it.

And when we know, too, ^{respectfully conveyed} from the testimony of
deserters from the rebels, and from contrabands, daily
coming into our lines, ^{that the rebels were} from a formidable General
to contend against, viz. "General Starvation", we
can but hope that they will become the more easily de-
moralized, and conquered.

I wrote to Johnston yesterday, and the day be-
fore, urging him to come to the Reg. without delay.
I am afraid he will come tomorrow, and find us
gone. Shall have to write to him to come, if
he has not already started.

I will write home again as soon as anything of im-
portance transpires, and there is opportunity to send letters
down to all. When convenient, let me know about
the Exp. package - whether it came, safely, and is all
right.

Your Son,

Rush P. Lacy.

Excuse errors, as I have been compelled to write hastily,
on account of preparations for marching.