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Jefferson, Md. June 26th 63

Dear Father,

I have but a few minutes in which to write. We have had two days very hard marching, leaving our camp near Guilford Station, yesterday morning. We came to Edwards Ferry, a distance of about $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles, where we crossed by the Pontoon Bridge - which contained about 65 boats - over a quarter of a mile wide. Another bridge was then being laid - both in charge of the 50th Reg. About noon it commenced raining, & has continued raining nearly ever since. We crossed the Potomac about 2 P.M. came through Poolesville (about 4 mi. from the Ferry) & Barnesville (8 mi. further) bivouacking for the night a mile one side of the former latter place, having marched nearly 20 miles. It was a very fatiguing march, & as

it was raining at the time we stopped
for the night, & we were thus much
wet, we could not make ourselves
very comfortable - many being without
blankets. Of course our wagons did not
come up with us. I felt rather miser-
able this morning, but not really sick.

We have marched 13 or 14 mi.
today - the roads being very muddy & bad.
We came again through Barnesville, crossed
the mountain over a long bridge at Green
field, came through Adams' Tavern, a
small village on the Baltimore & Ohio R.R.
17 mi. from Harper's Ferry. The country
through which we have marched, in fact,
looks very fine - the farming lands as
good as I ever saw - magnificent crops of
wheat, which they are already harvesting.
The corn too is very fine. We crossed the
Catoctin range this afternoon (which
is intersected by the Potomac at Point
of Rocks, the view from the Mt.
of the Middletown valley is exceedingly)

Beautiful. This is a nice little village
of 2 or 400 inhabitants - mostly Union
people. It is 6 miles from here to
Burrkettsville (not far beyond which is
Crampton's Gap, in the South Mt.)
& the same distance to Middletown, ~~and~~
probably only 10 miles to South Mountain,
which we expect to march tomorrow.

It is reported that the rebels
are in force on South Mountain, and
are fortifying. We are anticipating
a fight there on Sunday.

I think nearly all of Hooker's Ar-
my has come across into Md, though
perhaps some troops have gone above
to Harpers Ferry, on the N. side. Some
Corps have taken the Harpers Ferry road
in Md. The 11th Corp is ahead of us, hav-
ing marched thro' here this morning.

Justus & I are staying at a pri-
vate house tonight, where we have the
privilege of sleeping on the floor. The mail
goes out rather early in the morning.

and 't is getting late, so I must close,
will write tomorrow, if I have time
before we march.

With much love to all,

Your son,

Rush P. Cady.

June 27th 1863

Dear Sister
Rush has been writing
all the news about the movements of
the army, so I will not attempt to
say anything about it. We have
just finished our breakfast which
done us good. I tell you we stand
all night with Dr J. J. Cullen -
practising physician slept on the
floor rested just rate. The Dr and
family are strong concern people they
have a niece that resembles us very
much of Eliza she is about the same size
almost all the young ladies here are secret
- she said she had a good many disputes
with them. We have had very hard
march I have got along first rate
riding most of the time. I soon found
fit abhorred to ride but again I think
I am entitled to it. Myself is well
also. St Alexander.

I hope mother is better.
I will write more as soon as I
shall apparently. Your brother
G. M. Cady