



Kenosville, Md. Oct 18th 1862

Well Mayn.

Hence I wrote you last I have
seen some changes and some more of the
realities of war. Well I think it was Thursday
morning that I wrote you last sent in jobies
letter. Well thursday night at about dark
we had another order to pack every thing ready
to start immediately with two days rations in
our haversack. we packed accordingly and stayed
round till 7 in the evening then we concluded
that we should not go that night so we took a
blankets and turned in for the night and were in
in dream land well we slept till half past 12
then one of the Lieutenants stuck his head in to
camp and said that we were to start at 3 o'clock
with out fail. it was then raining hard the prospect
before us then was not one of the best I can assure
I have still till the cook comes down and

had breakfast was ready. Then got up and
 took my tin dipper went and got it full at
 hope at that it was then about the first 2
 I then strapped on my blanket and laid down
 on the straw with my head on my knapsack and
 was bound to take it easy. Well about 3 the old
 bed for us to fall a march. I slung on my
 knapsack and shouldered my gun and started
 after standing round getting into a line & about
 half an hour or so we got started for the city of
 Washington. It had then cleared of mists and the
 morn had come out all nice. So that we had
 a nice trim to march except the mud that
 was two inches deep or more well we got to the
 depot at Washington at some time between 6 and 7
 we stacked our guns there at the depot and had
 order not to leave the ground but as you may
 I was born hungry & for all we had to take for rations
 was raw salt pork hard bread and cold water
 and I was bound to have something to eat at all
 events. So Joseph and I started for up town to
 see what we could find after getting headed
 one by the Scout Col. we got off on a night

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and when got up to the upper end of the depot we
run smack on to the Col. but I kept right
straight a headache looked at us and that
was all he did. Well we found an eating
house went in and called for some and eggs
and while they were getting it ready, (there was
one Capt and a Lieut in there at that time)
the Col. sent a messenger after them saying
that regiment was getting in to the cars
and were going right through if so they
started without their breakfast
Joe wanted to know what we were going
to do about it. I told him that
I should get my breakfast before I went
at all hazards and now we were not
concerned at all and we should
have time enough and to spare. Well
we stayed and got a good breakfast
and it did not do us any harm at all
well we got back to the depot just as
our company was getting in to the cars
just to the right time. I have been pretty
lucky so far and I have put my self
* he spit on, in his hand and I became very angry at all

round about as much as any of them to
 when I set out to do any thing, I generally
 do it, out for (generally). Well we got into
 the cars and sat there about 2 hours before
 the cars started. The fire got off at last
 we had nothing but freight in order
 we were packed pretty close to I can tell you
 Well the long was when we started that
 we were going to Harper's Ferry, we went
 to the relay house on the road to Baltimore
 there turned off then on Baltimore and O'Leary
 R.R., and reached this place last night at
 twelve o'clock. This place is Kenosville
 about 5 miles below Harper's Ferry, on the
 Potomac, here we stopped last night
 got out of the cars the col told us
 we must make our selves as comfortable
 as we could for we should stay here
 till morning so we took of our blanket
 and I took my rubber blanket. I put
 it on the ground and laid down my
 knapsack for a pillow. I then lay
 down on the rubber blanket and put



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put my wooling on over me & threw the
cape of my over coat up over my head
and went to sleep in a short time, now
all this would have done very well if it
had been warm, but it was decidedly
cold. I found it cold enough for my
over coat all day & night as you
may judge if it is cold enough for an
over coat through the day you may
look out for a cold night I was quite
cold when I got her out came to go out
and lay down on the ground to sleep
thought it decided tough, well I slept
first night and was not very cold in
the morning when I woke up well we
got up a boat 5. Had no call and
then I began to look round to find
and when we were asked did not know
where we were when we stopped but supposed
it was Harper Ferry. Well I found it

was Crosswell the place where the rebels
 crossed the Potomac a few days ago when
 they made the raid in to Cambenbury
 & near by. Mr. Glenn has had his head
 quarter here until yesterday or day
 before he has now crossed the river so they
 say here. Well after roll call got a letter
 (who has told quite a liking to me) (and a
 first rate fellow he is to) We began to
 look round for some breakfast. So
 we started for the village which is a small
 affair we kept on till we saw a pretty decent
 looking house and saw two or three pretty
 good looking girls round it. We thought
 we would try and see what we could
 get there. In our mind they told us we
 could have a good breakfast and invited
 us in to the parlour to wait till the
 others were done so soon to go in I found
 to 12.6 of our Co. Then eating before us. Well
 our turn came in a few minutes we had fried
 ham warm biscuits & hot coffee preserves
 & some potatoes or eggs eggs were about 20