

Snickers Gap Va July 19th 1863

Once more back in Virginia. They say that old Virginia never tires and I guess she never will. When I began this letter I supposed that we should stay in Maryland a few days, but we had to start before I could finish it. We began crossing at Harpers Ferry just at dark on the 17th. Our Corps is in the advance as usual. We have traveled over the same route that we came on last fall. Have not found the enemy in any force yet. Have seen some cavalry but a good ways off. I have not had a letter in a long time. The last one was dated about the middle of June. The Newspapers are talking pretty large about our victories. I hope it is all true. It is getting so dark that I can't see to write very well. I will write oftener after this.

Your Affectionate Son
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