Camp, Hartshorne near Sharpsburg,
Maryland, Oct 7th 1862

My dear family, I suppose you will be quite anxious to hear from me by the time you get this. Our health is first rate. Our regiment left Frederick on the 6th, marched a few miles and camped in an open field. Resumed the march at day light in morning. Had 6 hours to rest at the middle of day. We took our rest in the immediate vicinity of the terrible battle field under Gen. R. C. Ricketts, but not the 17th Pennsylvania Rgt. had their fight. We marched through Boonsboro and camped a short distance from that place for the night. In the morning of the 8th we passed through Sharpsburg and are now encamped on the Potomac River a little north of west from Sharpsburg. Please look at map. We coming through Sharpsburg we could see Union cannon ball small shot.