Camp near Sharpsburg MD  
Oct 19th 1862

My Dear wife,

I have just come in from church, it is a pleasant day. We have warm days but very cold nights. Which is very tiresome for the men, as our tents are so thin and we have but little clothing. My health is with the exception of a diarrhoea, it is the worst place for this complaint I ever saw. A large share of the men are troubled with it, and the officers well not expect a man from drill for it. So you see we have to drill sometimes when we do not feel able to. Our living is becoming poorer. If it was not that I can try a few eggs once in a while, I don't know what I should do.

On Friday I visited the grounds where the past Antietam battle was fought. It was a beautiful pottery situation but of the graves the Rebels were buried in pits containing large numbers, our men was buried singly with a head board to mark them.

Many had been distant by their friends.