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My Dear Family,

It is evening—I did not make my 17th letter till this evening: you will see by that that we were ordered to march. We did accordingly we are now at a place called Shermersville or Perisville by this you will trace our march. We got very tired by that march. I saw a good deal of good clothing thrown away by the soldiers. I think we will stop by the roadside with it. We are advancing on the enemy we could distinctly hear cannonading in front of us. As we marched today the first peals of a terrible battle had but very little terror on me. I feel that let the war go with me as it may. I have but little to fear while God and soul are associated together and true faith is the case. I hope and pray that the Union may become strong and strong. But still I want to live to return home and see my loved ones again.

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