The news are very acceptable, and I hope you will continue to send them. It is said that we are not in about 50 miles of the enemy's lines, and that they are retreating and our forces advancing. We don't know what amount we shall have to pack up and march, and if we march, it will be towards our enemy. You probably see a good deal of flattering stuff in the papers concerning the 22nd Regt. of the enemy and the extra effort to get out two men for a prize, or there - I can't tell what became of so many men as are mentioned some of them I can account for, but not all.

It is very hard for us to march since we got our knapsacks. It seems as though we could not March with much along. But do you suppose the officers are doing this? No. This makes one dislike soldiering the most. If they had a little time since the battle on the 21st we have had to march again though only about one mile further and when we are now nicely encamped. It would please you to see how lively our soldiers are in playing jodels, as we are encamped, how they loiter in to a house and see the woman of all the men to take all the turkey, chickens, and the children crying at their life.