

Maryland sept <sup>the</sup> 27 1862

Dear Father and Mother

i am well at presant and hope these fiew lines will find you the same we are camped on the antietam Creek we are going too harpers feery i have bin in one battle and come out all safe but we were shot up purty bad the balls come like hail we have drawn them out of Maryland the rebels loss is estimated at 25,000. killed it is an auffal sight to see a battle field to see the dead and dieng Mother do not worry a bout me i will try and take care of my self i sent my clothes home to Fintonville in the care of John O hara bill Talmer is hear i and Monroe Gage and bill tents to geather we have bin on the march most evry day since i have bin hiar it has bin purty hard on us but i stand it as well as could expect our fare consists of hard bread beef shugar and coffee the weather is as warm hear as it is at home in the summer but it is cold nights i would be glad iff i could have a good loaf of bread once and awhile the other day i went 2 miles to git some bread and give 50 cts for a loaf and sold half of it for \$.50 cts cheese is 25 pound flour 12 doll barell i must close my letter and go on drill write as soon as you git this for i am anxious to hear from home

From Edson Conrad  
give my respects to all

Direct your letter to  
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