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Dear unkle I have been wanting to write to you along time but have always neglected tell now to day i taught that i would try to tell you what i have been doing since i have been in Penselvany on July 1st we ware at emetsburg Md and started in the morning for this place marched all the four moon and it raining a good deal of the time we heard the cannon severall milds of so we knew what was ahead we came in on a hill at the beuring ground and commenced to shell the enemy while we eat dinner and cleand our guns then they took us and they 136 Ny redg through the toun forming a line of battle and lay down behind a fince to wate tell they came up they soon came in front of they 134 to our rite and began to fire i fiered twice and hed my gun loaded redy to fire a gain when a spint ball hit me on the bone under the leaft eye then droped on the grown it made me quite disey for a spell i then felt on they ground to if i could find the ball ~~xx~~ and there it was but i thaught i would go back in the doctors care but thaught best to crawl along on the groynd but had not gon fir before they redgement started back dubble quick i got ut and went as fast any of them but when we got to they road it was full of rebbels and they were comeing up behind us so there we had to stay and but few got away they made us lay down our guns and marched us of they then called for all wounded men to cone out and i went along and they took us to a house where there ware a lot of their nounded there we stayed tell the 4th when we found ourselves at libberty to go where pleave our doctor came to us and told us to go the 11 Corp fospital as many as could walk and he would send tems to cary the rest and i went there and they sat me to work i know nothin about how long i shall have to stay here but i hope the war will stop so soon that i will not have to go back to verfinia i expected to be to home bafore now but i must stay tell i can come i must now got to dinner good day

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