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Feb 28th

Harpers ferry Va

Dear Friend

We have at last made the grand advance. We left our old camp on the 26th and after marching 11 miles laid ourselves on the ground and slept soundly all night, the next day we marched to the railroad. And after standing in the rain and mud half a day were taken on a train and brought to the River which the Brigade crossed by a Pontoon bridge which was put across in 4 hours. This Bridge has astonished the natives about here, They call it a raccoon bridge,
there is a Battery on one of the mountains which can shell anything within 3 miles. I did enter the town with the Brigade for I was detailed to remain behind to unload cars and to load wagons. There is something to be done besides parading now, I have seen more Soldiers, canons, baggage wagons and horses this last day than I ever saw in all my life before when I came in. I found our Company in a fine House, in the room which my mess occupies there is a looking glass 5 feet long by 1 1/2 broad, while books are about in any quantity. Among them one fine copy of Ovid, it is strange how so many Men are fed, here are 30,000 where there were not 30 two days ago. And yet we have plenty to eat. Cousin John [John C. Steptoe] is quartered in a Church but I have not seen him since I came. I believe we are to take Winchester as soon as the troops all get here. And from the way they are crossing the bridge it won't take long to get them here,
I expect there will be a great Battle in a few day And I intend to do what little I can, the report is that the place is fortified and that They have 60.000 Men, but I think this armey will put them through,

Yours respectfully
Edward A. Fulton

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