

Camp of the 19th AC near Frederick MD

Aug 1, 1864

Dear Friends,

I wrote you from Sandy Hook the other day but we have again changed our line of March. I borrowed a sheet of paper this morning to apprise you of the fact. Day before yesterday our column was suddenly turned and marched back to this place. We encamped here last night and will probably rest today. Our men are almost worn out. For two weeks they have marched constantly and these roads are too hard for our feet accustomed to the soft roads of Louisiana. Sergt Beard and Duncan shuffle. I was compelled to leave in the Hospital at Harper Ferry – some others at Washington. It uses the men right up but in a few days they will be as well as ever. And yes we march further than any other Corps. They have taken us from the wagon train and we are now at this front.

We are heading for Penna[?] as the rumors are that the Rebs are there now. We will be after them in a short time and you can rest assured we will give a good account of ourselves. There is a rumor that the balance of our [illegible] is coming up. I hope it is so as then no 20,000 Rebs in Christendom can touch us. They have never been whipped.

Write to me and direct to Washington. [Illegible] Oyster Whorton are all here but very tired. A days rest will bring us all right. The citizens of Frederick seem very glad to see us. They are very kind. God bless you all.

Yours,

J.P.S.G.