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Yellow Springs, July 13<sup>th</sup> 1863

My Dear Son

We received yours written from Middletown Md. and I how glad we were to hear from you. I am sorry you did not get ours. but I suppose it is because you are moving all the time but I hope you will yet get them we have waited some days before answering your letter thinking we would hear something more definitely with regard to the battle but we have learned nothing except that you have gained a great victory over Lee. there has been but few names of the killed and wounded published yet and none from your Regiment it has been published how desperately the 11<sup>th</sup> Corps fought and that the loss was great the papers say there is but a small remnant left. O my Son I hope you have escaped. and yet

I hardly dare hope, for from the description given in the Papers I do not see how any thing could live either Man or Beast. and still we hope you are safe. Since the Battles at Gettysburg the papers are silent with regard to Mead's movements but say that Lee will be destroyed with his whole Army he is on the Potomac and has no means of crossing our forces on the Virginia side have destroyed his Pontoons, and there is no way for him to escape. but he is a cunning old Fox and I am afraid he will escape some way. if the Army of the Potomac can only destroy Lee's Army I think the war will soon end. for Grant has taken Vicksburg and I expect Gen. Banks has Port Hudson by this time and Rosecrans has driven Bragg out of Tenn. so I think if you can bag Lee the war will soon end. I am glad the Citizens of Middletown gave

you such a welcome. the Money  
came safe \$1. 20. dols. ~~came safe~~

I am glad you had the Money to lend  
Cap. Morey I think they treated him  
real mean but I hope he will be rein-  
stated. John Morgan has made a  
Raid into Indiana with from five  
to eight thousand Cavalry. Gov. Morton  
has called fifty thousand Militia  
and Burnside has sent several thousand  
Cavalry from Kentucky

Monday Morning 10. o'clock the Provost <sup>Marshal</sup>  
has come up with an extra train for  
Volunteers and says that Morgan is  
within five miles <sup>of</sup> Cin. there is the  
greatest excitement here I almost  
ever saw. the Loyal men all went  
that were able to go but nary Butternut  
I hope Morgan will never get out of  
Ohio alive. the men from here are going  
to camp Denison to guard prisoners so that  
that Soldiers can go after the Rebels. well  
it is mail time and I must close write as



soon as you get time for we are  
very anxious. your Mother

C Sadley

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