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Dear Father we arrived here (Sunday) Sept 9<sup>th</sup> / 61

... Saturday evening late some of the waggons did not get here until dark I wrote Ma from Callaghans and think I have not written you since and now to give you a short history of our trip and the roads and camps. we left Callaghans early Friday morning & got breakfast before day light and went as far as the Sulphur Springs that day remained there Saturday went to Lewisburg on Sunday remained there Monday started on our march for camp Tuesday went about fifteen miles the first <sup>day</sup> camped in a cotton which reminded me some of the Duckhoe flats went about the same distance the second day camped on a hill took rest up a shallow gulf that night went about 18 miles next day and took camp on a field near an old Ladys house slept by the fire that night and slept finely though we had a disagreeable march that day it rained for miles of the way and rained hard a part of the way the next day we went about 3 or 4 miles and had to stop for some <sup>and baggage waggons</sup> ~~guns~~ to come up. the road was so narrow we could not pass ~~at~~ each other the Capt. went to the camp while we were waiting and returned late in the evening we then went into park and took camp for the night did not start until the next morning during that night we had a hard shower though we were in our tents from there to the river was the roughest road I ever saw we crossed Gauley River just below the junction of the Gauley and Meadon rivers crossed in a small ferry



Boat it carried five horses at a time with men enough to hold them from the river to the camp is one tremendous hill though not as rough as the one we came down after we left the turnpike we came through the finest piece of woods I most ever saw very heavy timbered land and the land rich then came to a farm with some very fine cattle fine grassing land and after going a little further we had the most extensive view I ever saw and a beautiful scenery we could see out North and North West over the hills and bottoms and the sun ~~was~~ shone in some places and others shaded by the clouds presented a beautiful scenery to behold the land about Lewisburg is fine and on west are some fine farms in fact it is fine land all the way from Lewisburg to camp except one small place of pipe clay land a few miles from the river though the most of it is so steep that it is fit for nothing but wood and that is very difficult to get in some places and sometimes great rocks with almost perpendicular sides to the height of from 10 to 20 feet this is indeed a wild country to travel through Nature work is beautiful and now a little of our camp it is on a high hill about one mile from the river we are fortified by Nature South and East and have breast works thrown up next made of logs and rails and we have an earthen embankment for our Battery on the North or about that I will make you a map of it as near as I can



Pa I will finish in the morning as it is getting late and I have