...ing the enemy's line of battle. Our regiment was ordered to ... the left of our line, near the ... where the third corps ... being hard pressed, called ... and, our brigade (Ely's) ... ing three regiments, 4th Massachusetts and 63d Penn's. ... the first line of battle while ... formed the 2d line as re... ... agony of would-be dead ... the left, and on the right by ... Forming our line, our left on ... our front was a swampy shore, ... woods again on the opposite ... hastily formed our line, one the ... and McLean, under selling ... through the woods on the ... of the swamp. I saw that ... regiments as it deployed ... line. The order as they ... forward, a rolling fire upon ... the compliment with a will. ... heavily, never yielding ... and leading as coolly as if ... The rebels mustn't and did ... they were wounded and dead ... not fighting there, for legs, ... and all, rallied to fresh troops ... to the rear of the wheat field. ... The regulars of our corps ... through the wheat field, and again ... which with considerable loss of ... were not to last long ... (Gen. Caldwell) commanded, and made ... with fresher troops. "Attention" ... sound along the line, and we ad... wheat field and formed behind ... were hardly passed behind the ... and, were passed that we were ... of our brigade, which we must ... for the battle commenced ... from the right. We remained ... the order cease "about face," ... our ground in good order, contending ... in front and rear, there hav... ordered us. For a time it was ... regiment, muskets were clubbed, ... were used in the scuffle,— ... one of its colors, both color ... had harnessed. The 4th ... right of the brigade, lost its ... being killed in trying to save them ... was taking prisoners. We con... it until we came to the edge of ... where we halted and formed ... face of the enemy in front, ... Pennsylvania Reserve charged ... were pressing us, driving them ... came, hurling dead and wounded ... the ground by this point any ... round the right of our line but ... enemy in here. During the ... our brigade suffered severely, ... nearly 50 officers killed, ... and 500 enlisted men — ... officers killed and 3 wounded, ... Major Lowry, who was shot ... while cheering us on. We ... a time, the wounded, and the ... bodies in our company were ... in the wrist severely, ... head, mortally, above dead; ... foot, shattered; Capt. J. C. ... severely; Walter P. Breen, in leg, ... of Lenihan, in hand, slightly, ... leg, severely; R. S. Martin, ... supposed prisoner. The 4th ... all their officers killed or ... 63d Massachusetts lost heavily, ... was wounded, especially in the ... Many details were made from each ... at the battle field to go ... carry them back and also to ... the wheat field above named ... the spectacle. The ground was ... and wounded. The scenes ... were dreadful to hear. Nearly ... taken back to hospitals that were ... Next morning, Friday 3d, the ... all along the line, but the ... the right of our line, near ... our 16 pieces & in the morning ... firing commenced on both sides. ... have ever seen. There was a ... and booming for an hour or two. ... extent of the damage done ... etc. We continued behind our ... (Friday 3) also Saturday ... long as a drawn on the line of ... almost skirmishing was kept up ... shooting. Sometimes when ... this it was hot for those they ... them, but never deep any ... of the 4th, the enemy re... their forces. Our corps ... Sedgwick's 6 Wright's ... the right holding the ... wing. From this date we ... day after day, in all kinds of ... both we crossed the Capehon ... South mountain and on the ... next with the enemies pickets ... Skirmishing was kept up ... until the 14th, when the ... back to their former works, ... ordered to hold on to which ... the river. These works were ... the river. We also threw ... case they should advance in ... very evening as a step picket ... ordered. Then a new line of ... From deserters taken at ... that the enemy were evacuating ... from each escape was sent ... time correct. They had ... 300 who were taken prison... say that night ranged along ... to 8 o'clock we were agree... ... of towards Shepherdstown. ... we crossed the Potomac ... the second ford of Virginia ... to being just above, over the ... Virginia crossing the Poto... in pursuit of Lee's army, ... that our cavalry crossed ... the gaps in the mountains ... 31 corps held an engagement ... Wapping Heights Va., sup...

... our corps, which resulted in the defeat ... and our occupying the gap. Again ... morning and August 8th we advanced in force ... Berryville Ford and camped. None of ... were in the other side of the River. Five ... regiment joining the above in this ... the enemies cavalry are visible on the ... but in a great distance.

...conversation with a lady from this place, ... that a week before our arrival there ... over to Culpeper, as long before then, ... a canon for $50 in Confederate money ... the luxury to for me, the shop owner the ... different other articles. Cloths, which ... name a dozen a yard, here brings $40 ... pair $2.50. Wheat, 5 dollars a ... where at that. A single meal at the ... what they have anything to eat, is three ...

... are again overrunning our right, and for ... as if they had undergone a severe march. ... They soon broke at supper — got and began ...

Yours Truly

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Letter from "August Sontag."

PHILADELPHIA, AUGUST 24th, 1863.

Union Lecturers—What a great relief it is to ... of brick walls and marble fronts, when ... the cries of the mammoth forty cases to ... one and all are to see from the long lines that ... the many diverging streets and the glaring ... gas lights. When we pass the ferry ... seems like leaving a world of noise for a ... of silence. Let the cold gray night creep ... upon the city, ever so quickly, from a fairer ... or a heavy set darkness, and yet the noise ... the same tramp, tramp, of busy feet. The ... is not a bit night, there is no darkness, ... or rest. High upon the sky you see ... burning and rocking with light. The ... of moons cannot be so hot and ... the ringing of bells and the hum of whirling ... Run change the scene where you have ... the gray "dim mist" which, like sorrow, at the ... quiting scenes in the vegas and thinning of ... it draws with, perhaps of the remotest ... of our "white Philadelphia" but not with ... accompaniments, or less "public houses." — ... a quiet, inexpensive place, several beers are ... one or two sandwiches, and for which you ... from 25 to 37 cents. Fortunately, we spent Sunday ... and were present at the ... Tabernacle, and heard ... Furnished, we spent Sunday ... and were special attendants of a church, ... grand reconstruction under the wise ... Talmage's church. The morning was clothed ... the air genial and invigorating, and pro... of good health. We admired the little ... with reverential awe, and we have ... to report our walk, as everything out... with the performance was of a most agreea... character. We had not been seated long ... the church was filled with people of a most ... appearance. 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