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Mrs. Andrew W. Wain,
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Conn.

Starry's Ford
7 miles above H. F.
on the Shenandoah
Oct. 5 - 3 1/2 P. M.

My dear Wife -

I have just rec^d @ ^{day} yours
of the 30th + 31st & have only ~~to~~ five
minutes to reply - We have been on the
move thus far all the time - Our
present business is watching & guarding
the crossings of the Shenandoah - The
rebels are watching the other side -
Have lain out of doors the last
three nights & enjoyed it much -
Still it ain't like sitting down at
home with wife & children - You may
believe they seem dear - The further we
get from the Ferry the more difficult
is transportation - The mails will also
be very irregular - Don't be surprised
at not hearing from me - I have not
been where I could send had I time

but once before since Sunday &
Monday - Was sent this morning
on a reconnoissance with some
of my own selection up the river
& as I returned met our post
men with the mail - But
I can't fill this for the mail
bag is about to be shut -

Health never better - Up on
is good for a march or any
thing else to be done down
here - Scoush people here
close by -

~~Some of the
people of the
country are
saying that
the mail will
be shut for
some days
more -~~

We heard heavy cannonading
all day Sunday only a few
miles off but we don't know
any more - You probably do -

Tell father the country over the
river looks enchanting - The farms
are beautiful - Hope to hear from
him soon - Don't send any thing more
unless the individual is coming through
with it - Tell Mr Smith I like his idea