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wore when he resigned his commission and also his traveling secretary. I did not have much time to look around there for they were just closing when I went. I shall go again when I get an opportunity.

John Russell says that crops do not look very well there; that the wheat is short and thin. You will please tell how yours looks. Corn here is of all sizes, some 2 feet, some 4 and I saw some that was about 8, but it is an extrapiece that will average 3 feet. You must write often and direct as before to Washington. Mr. Messick sends his respects to you. He was not hurt. Boultrice Soule is also safe. We have not been paid off as yet but expect to in a few days if we stay here.

With love from your Son,
Edward H. Bassett

(Letter of E. H. Bassett written a few days after the Battle of Gettysburg)

July 12th, 1863

Stopping 4½ miles from Hagerstown, Md.

Dear Father and Mother:

As we have stopped for a few hours I will try and write you a few lines and tell you what we have been about since we crossed the Potomac into this state. We crossed the Potomac at Edwards Ferry on the night of the 26th of June and camped about 2 miles from the Ferry where we lay until morning when we packed up and marched through Poolsville and camped that night, the 27th, East of Sugarloaf Mountain. The next morning we marched to within about 3 miles of Frederic, camping on the bank of the Monocay River. Monday morning, the 29th, we marched at light and that day made about 33 miles. We passed through four towns that day. They were called Liberty, Johnsville, Union Bridge and Uniontown. The citizens along the road were mostly good Union people and gave everything they had to eat to the soldiers. Tuesday, the 30th, we lay in camp about 2 miles from Uniontown. The rebel pickets were out about 8 miles and there was some skirmishing with them during the day. The boys went out into