

Near Stanford Ky. June 2^d 1863

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Suppose you are anxiously waiting the decisive turn of affairs at Vicksburg I am anxiously waiting & hoping that success will crown the efforts of our army around Vicksburg. I think you will hear it thunder all around by & by.

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I wrote the preceding & was intending to finish it the next day but we were ordered to march which prevented me Wednesday night at 6 we started on the Lancaster pike making L. by 11 o'clock we marched five miles farther on towards camp Dick Robinson & got laid down on the green grass by midnight starting at 4 the next morning we made 20 miles that day getting to Nickolsville at 5 PM tired & sweaty having just time to eat a little supper we loaded on the cars & were soon speeding on towards Cincinnati at which place we arrived at about 9 AM Thursday got a good breakfast & about 5 PM we got started over the Ohio & Miss. RR riding all night & the next Friday till 9 AM. Over rather a gloomy country we came to Vincennes on the Wabash here we got hot coffee & soft bread.