

Headquarters 97<sup>th</sup> N.Y.V.  
near Warrenton, Pa. Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>

11 o'c. Am. 1862,

Dear Father,

I drop you a line to inform you that we have just been ordered to march. Hints & baggage have just been packed into the wagons, & we are ready to start in 10 minutes if need be. - We are all well, & have been anxious to move, for several days. The weather, and the snow storm of last Friday, when we came here, has been very fine, & today, is especially delightful. The air is clear & bracing, a fine breeze is blowing, & the sun shines brightly. Yesterday, a large body of troops about here, including our Div. was reviewed by Gen. McClellan, who took his leave of the Army, in a general order which was read before each Reg. separately, at the same time, in which he said he had been relieved from the command of this Army, & Gen. Burnside would take his place. The general feeling, at

The change, seems to be one of disappointment, though I suppose McClellan is removed from this command, in order to be placed in a more important one, where he may be more greatly needed. -

Our present destination is unknown to the officers of the Regt. It may be in the direction of Gardonsville, & may be that of Fredericksburgh, which is little more than 30 miles distant from here.

The army is now in splendid condition for effective operations; & its energy & enthusiasm, well directed, may accomplish <sup>in a short time</sup> wonders, towards the crushing of the rebellion in Va. - We await with confidence the development of the plans of the "powers that be".

Gustavus says - "let Alex. & David's wife have 25 dollars, as Alex. wishes to borrow it till pay day. - Gustavus will write the first opportunity. - I sent a letter to Mother a day or two ago. - Grandmother's letter, a few days since, was very welcome; hope she will write again. Love to Mother, Grandmother & the children.

Your Son,

Rush P. Cady,