



Battle at Pittsburgh Landing.

October 15<sup>th</sup> 1862, Clarksburg Va  
Dear father, I will write you  
a few lines to let you know that  
I am well. I received a letter from  
Safayette the 16<sup>th</sup> I was glad to hear  
that you was all well, we went into  
camp on the antietam the day after  
the battle, the 19<sup>th</sup> September stayed  
there till the 8<sup>th</sup> Oct, then we marched  
to hagerstown 18 miles then 12 miles to clear  
springs, then 14 miles to hancock on the  
rail road got on the cars friday night  
the 10<sup>th</sup> oct. it rained all night and the  
next day it was very dry before

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we stayed on the cars at hancock three  
nights, then we run to cumberland there  
two nights then to clarksburg, we got  
of the cars thursday 16<sup>th</sup> and went into <sup>camp</sup>  
I got twenty nine Dollars at hancock  
and I will send it home to you when  
I get the rest, I think that we will get  
paid of soon now and I will send it all  
together, when I was on the cars coming  
through the folks was plowing and  
sowing wheat in maryland is a good  
wheat country, it was to dry for corn  
this year <sup>has</sup> on some farms I seen two  
and three thousand bushels of wheat.

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had at south mountain and anti-  
ietam, I have seen some papers the  
Frank Leslie and harpers weekly  
they had a fair view of the battle  
of antietam, where we charged across  
the bridge and up the hill and  
towards Sharpsburg, I got a  
cincinnati <sup>paper</sup> the day we got here it  
had a letter that General Coy  
wrote, he commanded the division  
then, he left a week ago last sUND-  
AY for knarwa, I have not heard from  
there lately, we dont hear much  
only when we get papers, some of them  
gets papers from Marietta every week here  
I dont know how long we will  
stay here or how soon we may  
leave, When I get my money I  
I will write again, I have bin  
cutting hair ten cents a head yester  
day

I am called out to cut hair again  
so I will close. till next time  
There is five sutlers here  
Guitteau and son is here they  
sell things very high all of them  
there is lots of little boys fetch  
in pies and sell them at ten cents  
each butter fifteen cents eggs 12 $\frac{1}{2}$

Sidier Gervet, yours

Co. A, 36. Regt O, U, S,  
Clarksburg Virginia

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Clarksburg, Va.

October 18th 1862

Dear Father,

I will write you a few lines to let you know that I am well. I received a letter from [brother] Lafayette the 16th. I was glad to hear that you was all well.

We went into camp on the Antietam the day after the battle, the 19th September. Stayed there till the 8th of October. Then we marched to Hagerstown 18 miles. Then 12 miles to Clear Springs. Then 14 miles to Hancock on the railroad. Got on the cars Friday night the 10th October. It rained all night and the next day. It was very dry before. We stayed on the cars at Hancock three nights. Then we run to Cumberland. [Stayed] there two nights, then to Clarksburg.

We got off the cars Thursday, 16th, and went into camp. I got twenty-nine dollars at Hancock and I will send it home to you when I get the rest. I think that we will get paid off soon now and I will send it all together. When I was on the cars coming through the folks was plowing and sowing wheat in Maryland. It's a good wheat country. It was too dry for corn this year here. On some farms I seen two and three thousand bushels of wheat.

You have heard of the battles we had at South Mountain and Antietam. I have seen some papers—the Frank Leslie and Harper's Weekly. They had a fair view of the Battle of Antietam where we charged across the bridge and up the hill and towards Sharpsburg. I got a Cincinnati paper the day we got here. It had a letter that General Cox wrote. He commanded the Division then. He left a week ago last Sunday for Kanawha. I have not heard from there lately. We don't hear much—only when we get papers. Some of them gets papers from Marietta every week here.

I don't know how long we will stay here or how soon we may leave. When I get my money, I will write again. I have been cutting hair ten cents a head. Yesterday I but 13. I am called out to cut hair again so I will close till next time. There is five sutlers here. Guitteau and son is here. They sell things very high, all of them. There is lots of little boys fetch in pies and sell them at ten cents each, butter fifteen cents, eggs 12 1/2.

Yours, — Didier Gevrez

Co. A, 36th OVI

Clarksburg, Virginia

# Bio of Didier Gevrez

Born 1844 he served in the Co. A, 36th Ohio Volunteer Infantry (OVI). Didier's surname is spelled Georez on the company roster. Didier enlisted in the company on 11 August 1862. In December 1863, he would be joined by his half-brother Lafayette (1845-1878) in the same company.

Both survived the war and mustered out with the regiment in the summer of 1865. Didier was the son of Theodore Gevrez (1810-1891), of French heritage, who married Jane Smithson in Marietta, Ohio, in 1833. After the war, Didier returned to Ohio and become a farmer. He later moved to Kansas, settling in Johnson county. Didier passed away in 1890.