



Mr Leonard Emery
North Ferrisburgh
Vermont,
Vt.

Edson
6 miles west of Frederick City near
the Baltimore & Ohio Rail Road
Bucksville Md. Sept. 16. Had a fight
Sun day come out all night & till the
Rebs to flight in fine old Philo is well
found by Edson
Buckystown Maryland Sept 13/62

Dear Brother

There is an opportunity
to send a letter for the time since we
left Alex and his we are now chasing
Rebs. We have not had an engage-
ment with them yet but expect
they will make a stand & give fight
we are close to their heels. we are
nearly to Harper's Ferry marched
since last Saturday night about
45 miles we have had
a sight of them two or three times
but my one word to catch Philo
is well fine weather & a beautiful
Country. the eleven the one in Washington
John Foster come in yesterday. This letter
may find you in Camp at Brattleboro
or if Mother gets it all the same

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I would like to hear from you
hope you will write often & Mother
will do the same Mother must
get some one to write us very
well. Let us hear from you
soon & what your arrangements
are at home &c. &c. are you &
Silas in the same Regt.
We expect a big fight soon &
perhaps a very decisive one
as the Rebs will have hard work
to get a day if whipped fine farms
here plenty of fruit & we like
the people very well I should write
you often if we could send letters
I have not heard from you for some
time we shall go on to Monroeville or use
al we some think they are bound for
Penn we are 20 miles from the line
write Love all good by Edson Emery

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Buckeystown, Maryland

September 13, 1862

Dear Brother,

There is an opportunity to send a letter for the [first] time since we left Alexandria. We are now chasing Rebs. We have not had an engagement with them yet but expect they will make a stand & give fight. We are close to their heels. We are nearly to Harpers Ferry. Marched since last Saturday night about 75 miles. We have had a sight at them two or three times but they are hard to catch.

Philo is well. Fine weather & a beautiful country. The Eleventh [Vermont] are in Washington. John Foster came in yesterday. This letter may find you in camp at Brattleboro or if Mother gets it all the same. I would like to hear from you. Hope you will write often & Mother will do the same. Mother must get someone to write us every week. Let us hear from you soon & what your arrangements are at home &c. &c. Are you & Silas in the same regiment?

We expect a big fight soon & perhaps a very decisive one as the Rebs will have hard work to get away if whipped. Fine farms here, plenty of fruit & we like the people very well. I should write you often if we could send letters. I have not heard from you for some time. We shall go on tomorrow as usual. We some think they are bound for Pennsylvania. We are 20 miles from the line.

Write. Love to all. Goodbye, — Edson Emery

[P. S.] 6 miles west of Frederick City near the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, Burksville [Burkittsville], Md., Sep 16. Had a fight Sunday. Came out all right & put the Rebs to flight in fine style. Philo is well. Goodbye, —Edson

Bio of Edson Emery

Born July 26, 1833, in Tunbridge Vermont at age 27, he enlisted as Corporal, Company E, 2nd Vermont Infantry on 29 April 1861. He was in action at Crampton's Gap on South Mountain on 14 September and at Antietam on 17 September 1862. He was promoted to Sergeant, date was not given. He was wounded at the Wilderness, VA on 9 May 1864 and mustered out at the end of his term of service on 29 June 1864.

In 1866 he married and moved to a farm in Randolph Township, Orange County, VT. As well as a farmer, he was a Justice of the Peace and "town lister". Edson passed away on March 6 1915 He is buried in Cherry Hill Cemetery, Bethel, Vermont.