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now save the fight is over. The Federal troops are encamped from Harpers Ferry to Hancock, some places thicker than others. Around town they are very thick, the outlots are full, the Groves & farms are all full our Wilson farm is full Ottos and Shericks farms are full one regiment had encamped in our fiel adjoening town remained there tel they burnd nearly all the rails within their reach, fed and destroid a large rick of wheat in the field, then they shifted their quarters, they have taken all the hay within their reach they have taken about 30 tons from us about the same quantity from Francis and 80 tons from Morgan and rench they have taken every corn field within their reach fodder and all. have taken all our potatoes not only ours but every bodys within their range. So I suppose we will have to send out to you for potatoes and corn this winter.

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The confederate troops moved back from the river giving the federal troops room to go over. Now they are crosfing over at Hancock and going into Pennsylvania, have taken horses near chambersburg and all through that section of country. How much further they will get, [I] cant say. There were a great many horses killed and wounded in this Battle.