

Samuel North

October 18, 1862

Samuel North's October 18, 1862 letter was actually a continuation of his [October 14](#) soldier's letter. Four days later, after signing his name and listing where letters to him should be directed, Sam continues on the fourth page, half of which is available. He tried to conserve paper by writing smaller than usual and amazingly, Sam is able to describe in detail, Humphrey's Division's reconnaissance into Virginia, as far as Leestown on October 15 and 16. Troops, including cavalry and artillery, numbering 8,000, according to Sam, made the two-day forage into Virginia and back across the Potomac River to their camp near Sharpsburg. This was the only military operation that occurred during their month-plus stay near Sharpsburg.