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Deep Bottom on James
River Va. July 29th 1864
My Dear Wife. As you will
see by the heading we have
changed our "Base" since
the date of my last letter
we left Butlers front yester-
day morning at 3 o'clock
arriving at 6:30 and immediate-
ly going into line behind
a breastwork from which "Flan-
cocks" the 3^d Corps had driven
Longstreets Corps the day before
taking from him 4 guns. We went
into line on the left of Flancocks
to whom we report for the present but
there is talk of our going to Washing-
ton where the rest of the 19th are. Col-
on ^{of this Regt} is that 4 Co^s belonging to the 14th
Maine which were on that way here
have been sent on to Washington which
is said to be threatened again, I long
to say that the identical Regt^s in
the 9th Referred was the 69th

New York or what there is after them
they look hardy and well. I
did not see and I knew some
John Bull and I thought must be
keep Bar for Corcoran.

Mattens Change Line or Roped by
that I almost impossible to guard the
anything to remain one way fine
minutes, since commencing
to write news comes that we are
going away probably to Wa-
shington. I think our own and
the other Regt labour on the end
I work are thrown away though
they may help to cover some
of the other fellows.

I never saw such workers
as these glorious fellows say
the 2^d Corps they are the great-
est workers I ever saw of
course I need say nothing of
our other fighting but
they will work all ^{night} ~~day~~ and

fight all day I do not know
what are the chances
strategic reasons for holding
this place but I presume
it makes the Enemy extend
his line and consequently
take more troops.

The Dr. came up from Butler's
to day he is well as are all
others. The Mail Carrier
knapsack come round in 2
mists close. I have written
you what I sent you too
by Adams from Butterm
Ida H. and B. and then
was the soldiers money in
the trunk also which
I did not think to take
and my love to all

Yours loving husband
Thos. Cahill

Direct as before 9th Conn
1st Brigade 2nd Division
19th A.C.