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U. S. Moore hospital
Griffin, Georgia

December 8th 1863

My Dear Sister

It is with pleasure that I avail my self of writing to you to inform you of my whereabouts also the condition of my health it is very good at the present time hoping this will find you and family all well. I have been looking for several days for a letter from Sallie but have received none. I expect to start to my command the morrow. I would have went to day but there was some clothing to be distributed among the Soldiers and consequently was to late for the train I drawed a pair of pants and shoes both a very good article pants cost twelve $12 and shoes seven $7 If I can get the clothes you sent me by Lieut Davis. I will have plenty to do me. I suppose you have heard all about the battle of Chattanooga My Brigade was nearly all captured my company

War capture all to about three or four men it is getting very late so I must close I will write to you as soon as I get to my company give my love to all and except the same for your self
no more only I remains your affts Brother

J. R. Riggs

P. S. Tell Sallie I recieved her letter and the twenty dollars I am very much obliged to her for sending it to me

Yours Brother
J. R. Riggs

Our army is at Dalton and the Yankeys are at Chickamauga as for the particulars I know none

J. R. Riggs