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my Dear wife i once more take my pen in han to let you now that i still keep well and i hope these few lines will find you and the babe bowth well and a doing well i dont hav mutch of im partence to wright to you at presantony the report says that thay was about tenn thousan of the yankeys comes over to our side and giv up to us tha was below Chattanooga when tha giv up that was good new to mee but tha say that tha air beter newse that to us if wee could get to her it the newse come on the telegreaph but the maniger is not aloud to tell it he wrote telagraph back to now if he might tell it but tha woundant alow him to tell it i think that wee will her it befowre many days Generel Morgan has bin a whirpen the eneny powerfull bad and he has burnt up severl bridges and tuck severl Prisners and Child severl and lost severl but not as many as the north has may God bless Every body

mydear and loving wife iwill tell you about the ~~setten~~ Redgiment it tis not very good tha is a heap of sicknes her at this time and sill adying i hav ~~a~~ bin a helping to dig a grave this morning for ~~woods he belong to our Companey~~ he dide last knight he was ~~pe~~ perfleet willing to dy he dide hapy the waters say he wanted thim plase his hands and feet he was in his sences tell he dide o that every body could dye in the same sperit that he did he will bee put in his cold grave this eavning wee hav lost thirteen out of our Companey and a heap sick at this time but all is agetting beter now James ~~laye~~ Lary is in the hospitle but he is agetten beter James savedge is sick he is amending P Hawette and P R Shelton Wm R Madox R B Harkey Harkey is all puney but tha arr able to bee up and to knock about the Camps wher tha pleese uncle that Varice has bin complaning but he is ageten beter

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My Dear Conpaion iagain drop you afee lines about Shatck Clothes as iwant if you can get thim iwant one par of janes pants one par of socks one shirt one vest one par of glavs and uniforme and overcote and a knit Cap if you can get it for tha cant bee had her and a par of shoos if you can for winter if you cant get thim all send what you can send thim to Green Guckels stoore by the first of octtober tha will bee a man detail to go after thim iwill quit this subject wee droad six huntrd stands of arms last saturday tha air the infeel wriful our Co droad 150 i got one wee hant droad now money yet nor i dont now when iwill i hav eight dollars yet but iwill hafto jet a hat when ican jet the chence tha ant none her our armey is all aleaving Chathanooga and is acrosen the Tennessee River and tha air all aleaving knoxville in vancen on the enemy wee air ~~aleavning~~ ordered to go to Chatanooga that is eight Co to guard the town two Co to guard the bridg her