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My Dear and affecttion wife i this plesant morning seat my self on the ground to answer your cind and affecttion leter whitch i reseaved from you on the third i was hapy to her from you an to her that you an Budda was well and to her that budy was acroling and sow sasey an fol of play i was over the Tenn River in th yankey fort when the boys come i did not see thim tell tast knight tha sent your leter to me on the third by P Evet the Capttten would not let thim come over to us that night but tha come yesterd but i was out on picket an did not see thim while tha was over thar i will tell you about the batles that has bin her latulley the first was at bridg port our men whoop thim and arove thim aff an then our men foulerd on after thim and over tuck thim at Steavenson an bum shell thim out of thar fortifurcation an cild some but the yankes tuck thim aff i was not in the fight nor nun of our Co wee was at Runing water bridg but wee was orderd down thar wee started about 12 oclock on sunday night it twas the last of Aug wee went down to Janerl Macksey Quarters the orderd us to Colonel Tolbert Quarters and stay all night the batle was over when wee got thar then wee was orderd over the River to guard the yankes camps you of to see that plase it belong to Capt Wrice he belong to our side tha tuck it from him an every thing he had he had a large farm tha pasterd it down an burnt ~~his~~ all of his buildings but his dwelling tha throud up brest works all around the house it looks lik tha out to a fout milly thar but the boy ses that it was nothing to what it was at Steavenson tha say that wee nuver could nuver a got over thar brest works wee tuck a right smart from thim tha was a heap beter fixt in thar camps than wee air to live

o my Loving and affection wife it seemes like a long time mee to bee absente from you tho i hope that it ont bee long tell wee will met agane tho the times dark and Cloudy to mee but i dont min it mutch i hav got harden to hard times tell ihd as soon bee one plase as a nother sow i get aplenty to eat an water to drink whitch i hav got a plenty sow fur tha is a wright smart of sickness in this Redgiment but not as mutch as tha was a while back my Love i am as fat as a bar but ant quite as ugley my gaws ~~is~~ stick out like a cone and as sasey as a squirel an sbigh as a fox and as harmless a Dove o that i could bee with you and Budy to see him hug your loving neck and kiss your sweet lips an to see him crall after you i now that he is a heap of satesfaction to you while i am gone from you tell Pap an Mother that the boys got here safe i was glad to see thim tell i wood bee glad to see thim tell thim to pray for mee when it gose well with thim tell Gran Pah an Gran Mah hody for mee tell thim to pray for mee i feel like i nead the Prairs of Christen peo i hope that i will see thim once more in this world i want you to all to wright often for it tis a grate satesfaction to mee to her from any of you Direct~~tion~~ your leters to Chattanooga Tenn then tha will come to us let us bee wher wee will wee belong to Jenerl Maxey Brigade an Joneses Devisi on A. T. Harky has got the Chills an feavor i dont think that he is very bad off Hewet is well V. J. Varice is well Wm. Maddox not well James Loary is not well i will bring my teter to a close Good By for this time when this you see remember mee though many apart wee may bee the smallest of the bushes shall turn to large trees an the smallest of the rivers shall turn to large Wm R Jones to Mr F ~~Jones~~ Jones sees if ever i prove falls to my Charm Maney