note (This must have been 1863)

Pano the 8th Ad 1862

Alcasona Tenn Wm R Pong to mary F Jones
Dear wife it tis with pleasu[illegible] that i seat
my self to let you now that [illegible] am well
an hopen these fewlines will find you in joyn
the same like blessing faney i am in beter
helth than i hav bin in a long time my dear
wife i hav seen a heap sence i wrote to you
be fore i hav bin in one of the bigest battles
that has bin Faught it last a bout fourteen days
wee was in it seven days an then had to retreat
forty or fifty milds wee warnt a fighten all the time
but wee was under the bum shells whitch was very
dangers the wrest went up on sunday i went a mondey
wee stade tell saturday knight our brigade had to
guarde woods batery it was one of the best Baterys i
ever saw wee dident get in now reguler batle tell
fridy ~~knight~~ Eavening my Coumpney went ann picket
in sight of the Enemy wee had to Charge on thim
threw a open feel tha shot at us all the way tha
was hid behind a fennse wee went in two huntred
yds of thim wee got behind a house an shot at thim
tha kiled Bade sudath an wooded five others tha
Cosen Loualen yerbey was shot threw the knee
an the Sceter cut it aff an left him at ~~murf~~ free
Murffreeboro i espect that the Yankes has got thim
Faney i shot seven times i taken as good ame as
i wood if i was agoing to shoot a squirl it twas
an affful thing to widness i dont now how
many that is missen in the Rediment Capt
Edens hant toin herd aff ~~Adgent~~ Adgident
Leelon hant neether an fifer Parker hant nother
an sever others sow i will quit that for this
time

Fancy I lost my knapsack an all of my close besides w[illegible] i had ann i had an two shirts two par of drawsers two par of socks i will draw close if i can you needent to bee oneasey about mee as long as i hav money to by cose i have the chance of senden this leter by hand to Fayett Co. an hav it mated to you you needent to write tell you her from mee agane i dont now what hour wee will leave her Fancy i got two leters from you to day i was glad to her from you you dont now how ~~gt~~ bad i want to see you an babe i hope that i will get to go home before long i think that our side is a bout whirped tho i cant tell i her that Mississippi is a going back in the younen I herd that Peter Gilpen an L C Wimbley is wounded Wm & John is bowth well Mat Norris is tollerble well Selton & Ciney is Complanen i write this to let you know that none of us was cited nor taken prisners i will write as soon as i can i hant got now mine to write at this time tha is sow mutch confesusen her i will write all the newse next time the reporte ses that tha was fifteen thousan child an wounded on our side & twenty five thousen of the eneny i never saw but few ded men i will quit for this time by requesten you to write to as often as you can pray for mee an i will try ti do the same good by for this time tell i you her from mee agane tell all of the conection hody for mee & hug an kiss my babe for mee i will write as soon as i can may god bless you is my prair

Wm R Jones to Mary F Jones & friends hody for you an Jimey Wm R Jones