April the 27 Ad 1863

Camps Manchester Tenn Dear wife it lis thrieu the
mirses & goodness of god that I am spaird to drop you a few
lines to let you now that I am well an to answer your
kind letter that I resaved from you I was happy to her that
you an Sarner was well Francis I havant aney thing of imporcen
to communicate to you at this time that will interest
you an wtch onley that I am well an hav bin for some time
my legs hav got well Francis the air fineen for a big fight
clost her the yanks ran in to Mcminnville an burnt it
up an a heap of commosaris & a trane of cars & taken severl pris
that was guarden the commosaries tha burnt severl raterode
bridges then wee got orders to go up that an whirf thim
aff wee started at 10 o clock at night it was raning it ramed
all night wee stoped at day light the yanks was all gone then
wee come back to camps then the brigade got orders to go to bee
grove wer Coumpaney Reagt was left her to guarde the points her
I am mity proud to get to stay her for I never want to go in ary
nother fight wee may bee in it yet the hole armey is in a mo tion
advancen on the enemey thee troops hav most all left Mobile
an come up her to reinforce us her Cosen G W Dodson was her
to stay see us Le Capols & severl others of my cosens was down
at Tulahoma I wood a bin glad to a seen thim G H Sparks &
Wm Streete was at Tulahoma tha are all advancen on the
enemy I cant tell nothing a tall when wee will leave her
I wood bee glad to stay her all the wore ends to I could it lis
a high helthy place to stay at good by for this side I

Francis I got a letter from you it was wrote April the 4 I am looking for one ever time the mail comes in I could read one ever day from you I want to write a letter to paps folks the first chance I get I write one ever week that comes to you I havant heard from Wm & S Parker but one time since he left her I wood bee mily glad to her from him I will write to some of you as soon as I her from him John I well an appers as well satisfied as any man in the co Mr L Norris is Elder Roof Clements is well Wm Maddox & J Griffen is well Wm Smith & A Dodson & R Nickals is well the health of the neagt is tollerble good at present Francis I have a nother wring to send to you I want you to pick chois of them an give one to Sister S E Gilpen the first chance you have the other one you may do what you please with it keep it or give it to ho you please that sell for two dollars a pease her tha didant cost mee mutch My dear companion I want you to write as often as you can an tell the wrest to do the same it dos mee a heap a good to her that every body thinks sow mutch of my dear little babe every one that ever saw him that writes to mee brayson him ses that he is sow prety an smart I wood give all I persess in this world to bee with you & him to help you rase him it wood bee a grate satisfaction to mee to have the training of him give my respects to Grammah & your pap & mother an the girls & all the correction tell him all to write as often as you can Good by my loving wife for this time may god bless you is the prar of your husban a man

Wm R Jones To Mrs Mary Francis & James Riley Jones