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Jack Miss dear wife it tis thrirw the cind murses of God that i am spaird once more to drop you a few lines to imporme you that i am well at presant i hope thise few lines will reach you an jimey safe an find you all well dear wife i havant aney newse of importance to communicate to you at presant onley that i hav seen a heap sence i left home this is the Eleventh day sence wee started from Manchester i will give you a little sketch of our travals wee come from Manchester to Tulahoma from thare to [illegible]tanooga then to Dalton ~~to~~ Ga to [illegible] to West Point to Mont[illegible] [illegible]obile Ala to Maredion Miss then to Jackson Miss that is whe wee are at this time the yankes is chost her sow the reporte ses that are looking fore a big fight between her an vicksburg jinerl Jonsun has got sixty thousan the report ses that old jinerl Grant is faling back a crose the Mississippi River i hope it tis sow for i dont want to fight a tall turn

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I Francis the Boys is bowth well
an all the Conection exsept William
Maddox he has got the flux but
he is beter this eavening francis
the yankes has bin her an burnt
up ever house that had Commoseres
in thim an knocked knocked the
heds out of a number of Molases
barels the Molases is a lien on the
ground that burnt up a heap of houses
a bridge burnt acrose purl river an
the Ralerode two for a bout three
Miles fancy i havant any thing
elce to write at presance sow i will
quit for this time you must
excuse mee for this Shart [illegible]
will try to do beter [illegible]
time geaorge Grifen ant very [illegible]
when i was at west point Wm P wrote when
wee was at Mobile when you write
direct your leters to Jackson Miss 41st
Redgt Ald vol Helms Brigade Brackenridge
Devision then it twill foler us wher
ever wee go give my love to all the
famley may god bless you an bee ~~wo~~
with you while i am absence from you
good by my loving wife an babe an
friends Wm R Jones to M F Jones

June the 4

My dear Companion as i didant get to send my leter aff last eavning i will send you a few more lines to let you now that i & the Boys are all well this time dear wife if i could see you i could tell you more in one day than i can write in a week faney wee get plenty to eat such as crackers corne bred an bacon wee get very good spring water to use tho wee got very bad water an our way her some times wee wood hafto get it out of frog ponds the water looked red an tasted as bad as it looked if you will go below the old sacefress feld [illegible] lake an take a drink [illegible] you may now a little a bout some of the water her it tis a low flat Country but o tha afful report that i her in the ~~direct~~ direction of victsburg the Canons coments Roering last knight i hav hurd thim all the morning like distant thunder it tis afful to her or think a bout wee are a waten for orders to

go aney wher tha order us to go
tha are severl Brigades her at this
time Brackenridges devision is her i
reckon tha are a heap of canons her
i seene one Canon that wade the
rise of thirteen thousan it twas
[illegible] inches a crose the holler of the
musel it twood tak a cag of powder
to lose it dear companion i havan
hurd from nun of my folks sence
i left manchester i wood beeglad
to her from any of my folks i rother
her from you an james than aney
to body in this world i fer that
it twill bee a long time before
i get to see you my love
[illegible] meat in
i hope wee will meat my
heven wher wee will never part
aney more wher wee can bee in peas
an happiness with our maker faney
give my love to pap an mother an the
girls tell thim that i think of
thim often times an i bleave tha
do mee may god bless you all in this
world an when don with you he will
tak you in the bosum of his love
good bu for this time Wm R Jones