Hama Ala

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Mrs Mary F Jones

Dear wife it is one time that I seat my self to
let you now I have not forgotten you yet nor
never will as long as I live and now you will
do the same I cannot I have not hurd from you but
one time since I left jackson and it was rotten
the fruits was sure that I wont get to her from you
when James Sweedy come back but he was did
come back when his time was out I was sorry when
the other boys come back and I dident her from you
an little James Fancy as for my health it has been
very sorry but it is better at this time I hope
my health will get good a gane you needent
to bee uneasy a bout mee for it cant do now
good for we are in the hands of our crater wee
must look in him for our protection Fancy the
hole arney is leaving Miss a going to Chattanooga
to reinforse Bedg tha are three 60 of our redgiment
here an the rest went by Mobile wee meet at
Montgomery Ala wee wee go from her on a bote
fancy I will tell you of an awful surconstance that
happend as wee come a long on the Cars Jaret Gray
was on the top of the Cars an fell off when it
was runing very fast an surposed it kiled him
wee havant hurd from him yet Wm R Jones

William Smith is gone back to see a
him faney i hav the chance to send this by
Wm. Shelby an i will hafto write in a hurey
wee are on the bank of the river & rdy to start
when ever the bote get redy for us faney i
think our leters are destroid on the way or by
the offisers tell pap an Mother that John an
William is bowth well an i want thim to remember
mee i want to bee remembered by all the Conection
an friends i want you to rite as soon as you get
this direct it to Mont Ala My dear companion
the time was bin long sence i seen you an i fear
it twill bee a heap longer still pray for mee
the bote is redy an i will hafto quit
kiss my babe for mee tell him that
his paw wants to see him veary bad
good By

William Riley Jones To
Mrs Mary Francis Jones
an friends

W R Jones