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deal of love to you and Eddie - Robertson has
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here - I heard this morning that Van Dorn had cap-
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but in Baltimore nearly every one sympathized
with us especially the Ladies - The enemy ac-
knowledged that they were whipped at Murfreesboro
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knowledged a loss of thirteen guns when we
carried 33 I think it was to Chattanooga
and they show three guns in Murfreesboro
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Battery - I can show them six here and I did
not know before that we had six guns - He
gives horrid accounts of the manner in which they
treated our people in and around Murfreesboro
They turned women and children out of their
houses in that cold January weather and robbed
the farmers of nearly every thing they had to
eat taking also their horses mules and cattle
The spring is passing and so far we have held
our own remarkably well - But I feel
that this is an important crisis in our af-
fairs - The Gaulees are working so very silently
and persistently at Vicksburg that I have some
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If we can hold them in check there and

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for us will turn up in the summer - But if we
are defeated at either point it will postpone any
movement for peace - I am uneasy about another
thing - Subsistence for our troops - I do hope that
our people at home will raise all the bread-stuff
they can and every thing that will do for men
to live on - It will all be needed - There is
so much suspense now that somehow I feel op-
pressed by it - Flour here now is worth 20 cents
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