

Camp Near Suwanee June 25th 1862

My Dear Letter

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I saw Mr. Gett on last Sunday. I was on duty at the
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Saddle Bags by Hillery Portwood. I shall
be very glad when I get them. If we are ordered
away before I get them I shall have nothing to

carrying my clothes in. I have turned over my Trunk to the Quarter Master with my clothes in it. If Portwood left home when Jenkins says he did, he ought to have been here before this I hope he will be here before many days.

Jenkins informed me that Billy and Joe had both reached home safely. I was very uneasy about them. Billy especially as he was very sick when he left here. Billy had five Dollars which I gave him with instructions to give it to you when he reached home, or at least all that he did not use. If he has not given it to you get it from him. Your Brother Mack is well he has gone to the creek to wash his clothes

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he is able to return. I fear that you are suffering for rain. It has not rained enough to lay the dust since I came up the crops are beginning to suffer very much and if it does not rain soon, the Corn Crop in this section of country will be sorry. It is so very warm and dusty that I feel unpleasant all the time. I cannot keep a shirt clean for one hour. I go to the creek and take a Bath but I soon become as dirty as ever.

If it has been as dry at home as it has here I know that the crop must be sorry.

How are my dear little Annemie and Willie and the sweet little Babe. I feel just as anxious to see you all again as I did before I went home in April, and I pray God that our separation may not be as long this time as it was before. I should be miserable if I thought so. I can't tell how long we will remain here. One Division has been sent to Holly Springs. It is still reported that our Division will go to Mobile. I believe that I should prefer going than to remaining here. May kind Heaven bless and protect you. Your devoted Husband
W. W. Davis

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