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no letter for me. I am getting very anxious to hear
from you once again. I hope that you and the dear
children are well. My prayer is that we may all be
spared to meet again. May a kind Heavenly Father
bless & protect you all. Love by
W. W. Davis

Camp at Bunkers Hill, Sept. 6th, 1862.

My Dear Bettie;

I have not written you for some time from the simple fact that we have been on the march all the time since I wrote you last. I wrote you a short letter about a week ago in which I enclosed you some money. The letter was sent by a gentleman going back to Mobile with instructions to mail it at Montgomery. We reached this place last night about 9 o'clock. We have had several days hard marching to do. Some of the men have suffered a great deal from aching knees and blistered feet. We usually march from 15 to 25 miles a day. We had truly a hard time crossing over the Cumberland Mountains. We had to travel some times for miles over a complete bed of rocks. The country over which we have been travelling for several days is entirely different from any I have ever been in before. The land between the mountains in what is called the valleys is very rich and highly productive. We are now in White Country 15 miles from Sparta and on the road leading to Carthage.

Buel has gotten away from us and gone North, some say to Nashville & others to Kentucky. We expected to surround him at McMinville but he heard of our approach and left in a hurry. Forrest's Cavalry made a dash upon three days ago at that place and captured a portion of their rear guard and took a quantity of arms & ammunition. It seems to be the impression now that we are going directly on to Kentucky and that Gen. Price will go towards Nashville and retake that place. Our cause is getting brighter every day. The Yankeys are getting really afraid to fight us. We are beating them at every point. You have heard I suppose of our great victory at Mannassas. We have just heard of another splendid victory gained over there at Richmond, Kentucky by Gen. Kirby Smith. He killed & wounded a great number and took three thousand prisoners. I think the prospect now is good to get back Tenn & Kentucky both with but little fighting. I have not heard from you since the letter you sent by Lieut. Dunlap. We have had several mails from Chattanooga since we started on this march but no letter for me. I am getting very anxious to hear from you once again. I hope that you and the dear children are well. My prayer is that we may all be spared to meet again. May a Kind Heavenly Father bless & protect you all.

Good Bye
Your Devoted Husband,
N. N. Davis.

Newt is well. He stands the march very well. We stoped him to day to cook rations. I start again in the morning before day. The citizens here are all strong for the South.