2 ond Ala Hospittle Richmond
Va August the 13th 1861
Dear wife & Children I take the oppo
tunity this evening of writing you a
few lines which will inform you
that I am yet among the living
I have Been sick about 3 weeks with
Chronick Diarhoea But was not entirely
confined any of the time I come here
the 26th of july & I was too weak to
climb the Stairsteps for about a week
but ever since that I have been
going up & Down all the time when I
wanted too I have been going out in
twice a day for over a week there is so
many sick in the hospittle that the
Doctor says it is better for me to go
out on the streets and stir about
& I find that I am improving faster
than if I staid in the house for it
is very warm in here the weather is so hot

Tell the children I want to see them Bad enough & you know that I want to see you & all the Rest of ~~you~~ them that is there

J. B. Peirson is here with me he is about like he has Been for the last 3 months Some Days he is rite peart & then for a day or too he is hardly able to get about Capt Taylor got here monday night & came Tuesday to the hospittle to see us he told the Doctar the he wanted him to send Jarrod home on purlaugh also J. A. Hodnett & Billy Liles But I dont know whether he will do it or not I hope he will for I dont Believe that of them will be able for duty before cold weather if ever if they stay here & if they were at home to eat mothers Cooking & drink the water that they were raised on they would be well in a month Hodnett & Liles is in this hospittle there is a great many of our company in the other hospittles but none of them much sick except the wounds

I went to see W. A. C. Busbee this evening he is doing verery well I think & he says he is geting along very well I saw him Saturday evening & he looked so dull I was uneasy about him but he said he had not not slept any in 2 days & nights was the cause of his looking so dull then & he has got so he can sleep he looks lots Better I also went to see James L. Giles this evening he is impravig But it will Be some time Before he gets well he got irisipales in his leg it give him Backset but they have got it stopt & I think his wound will mend fas ter now he was shot through the thigh & across the left Breast But no Bone Broke he sends his respects to your Pa & family B. H. Stokam is mending as fast as possible he was shot through the calf of Both legs

I heard from W S Williams & Joshua T Nelson Both Tuesday they were Both verry bad off George W. Key is dead his foot was shot off John R Waldrop is dead he died of disease I know not what kind those that I have named is all of the wounded of our company But what has got able to Travel Lieut B. H. Peirson is here in this hospittle he is mending verry fast now he has Been right sick with Diarhoea But he is able to knock about on the streets some now I must close I hope these lines may reach you in Due time and find you all enjoying the Best of health Nothing more at Present only I remain your affectionate until Death F. Mc D. Daniel

N. B, Direct your letter as before for I hope I will be able to go to the Regt shortly the Regt is gone to Jacksons army & it will Be Best to Back the letters to Richmond & they can send them to the Regt as I dont know where they will station