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Dear wife and children
I rec^d letter from you
dated the 15th inst. which
makes me feel happy to hear
that you and the children
is in good health as the Depart^{ure}
of this leave me in ^{at present}
hands be to God for His Blessing
to us all I mean to let you
know that my health is improv^{ed}
very much since I have
Returned from the battle
field for we had no duty
to do since except what
we had to do for our selfs
and also we get soft bread
every day since we come
back

Dear wife I main to
 Inform you that our
 opinion is here at present
 that what Army is here at
 present wont go in to another
 Battle untill there is more
 Army raised and that will
 take 4 months certain all
 the 3 years (and nine month you
 is going home this month and
 Except the do draft the Army
 of the polomac will be very
 small you made mention of
 Sending out of box to me
 you must not do it for
 it would be robbed as it
 was before for all the Boxes
 is opened and what is any
 good is taken out I will
 try to get along the best
 I can for this year

I have not much to say
at present but give
my love to the children
and tell Mary to write
me another letter and I
will ans^r it for when I
got it before I had not
time to do so I hope Marthens
is a good girl and tell her
to let her have peace until
I go home and let me know if
Mary has her letter as yet and
if Sch has I will send her
the price of a Bonnet next
pay day and tell Marthens
to write her name in Mary
letter give my love to them
all and remember me to
Johnny I hope he will
make as good a boy
as Jimmy

Dear wife writ as
I woun (as you receive this
five loyns (and let me know
how you are getting along
and if you can spare it
send me 3 dollars in the
letter give my love to
Martin and John and all
the girls and to Michael
Topsy and remember me
and the Lally (and Family

I will conclude by saying
you and children my Blessing
and the Blessing of God

Your Truly Husband
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