

18.
August 10/1862

Harrisonburg Va

Dear wife

Set down with pleasure
to write those few lines
to you Hoping that we will
find you and the children
in good health as this leaves
me in it present thanks be
Glad for His Blessing some

I have rec^d the Box yester
day and all was in it was
Spilt Except the whisky
and that was all right
I should think that the Express
should pay for those articles
which was Damaged as it
was not forwarded in proper time
you sent it the 18 of July
and I did not get it till
the 9 of August 21 days
on the road

Dear wife I have not
much to say at present
but I main dlt you
now that our Division were
out on last Monday night
and traveled untill 4 o'clock
Thursday morning when we
came on the Enemy and
drove them back within
8 miles of Richmond we
took 205-prisoners and killed
62-which we buried and
the wounded we left at
a church within 12 miles
of Richmond we have not
lost but 21 dead and wound^{ed}
which there was 9 of them
out of 11 Reg^t and all one
of one company we return^{ed}
to camp after 2 day and
3 nights which it was
very sever on us in consequence
of the hot weather

for this so that her in
the day that it is hard for
men to bare it but I hope
there will not be a regular
Engagement till the next
month for if a man gets wound
it is hard for him to get along
with that with as soon
as you get this and let
me know how you are getting
along and remember me
to the children I hope I will
see them some time or other
with the help of God give my
Martin and John and let me
know if his wife come out
with him and let me know
where he is working I hope
I wont take motion to let
for that big Bounty which
they are giving now I
suppos it will encourage
a good many. I hope

Dear wife I hope
the children is quiet
and obedient and if not
make them so and let me
know is Mary growing
well I suppose I would
hardly know Mary or Martha
now the friends so big I
left home and if I have
spent 3 years in the army
I won't know you when
I return Give my love
to the Kears girls and
all Conquering friends
No more at present
from your truly husband
L. Lally

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not Washington D. C.