

He[faded] Arkansas

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Dear Wife

I thought that I would set down
and answer yours of the 22 which I
received to day it found me well and
hearty [stain] I was on guard to day [hole] but I
come off[stain and hole] [faded][hole and stain]
M[faded] do to day I told you in
my last letter that I did not think
that [faded] stay here a great while
but things has S[faded] down again and
it has the apparance now as though
we would sta here some time thare
is part of the Batery gone now it
has been gone 5 days we look for it[hole]
back to night it just went o[hole]
Scouting expidition we herd to day[hole]
they have had a ffight but I dont
know wheather it is so or not the boys
are mostly well in the reg Dane had
a chill last night but he fetched me
your letter to day all the balance of[hole]
is well, you seem to think tha[hole]
it is b[hole]d knews because harve[hole]
the re[hole and faded] has enlisted[hole]

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now I think right the other
way I thmt[?] that it is a good knews[?]
I had a great deal rather they would
enlist than for them to be drafted
they are no beter to fight for thare[faded]
country than any body else and their
wages [hole] more than they would make
at [hole] got a letter from Fred
a few days ago he said that he was
well but george was not very well
George will get over being home sick
as soon as he gets well every body prety
near gets home sick when they are
under the weather but they get over
it again as soon as the get up I would
[hole]ike to be at home my self it is
[hole]eat eal more comffertable to home
[hole] it is here then one dont have
to do d[?] his own cooking, but we dont
do our cooking now we have got a
niger to kook for us we give him
ten Dollars per month he is not a
[hole]erry good darky I guess that we
[hole]ill turn him off and hire an
[hole]one they are prety hard to
[hole]ou for they ha[hole]n

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all to work on the fortification
they are all poor excuses, I forgot to
tell you that we are under the command
now of Prigadier ge[faded] Fred Steel I
dont know wheather it is Permantly or
just for a while but I hope the later
for I think that gen Curt[hole] is just
the ma[stain and hole] for this place [hole]en will
all hate to give him up I believe
that he is the furst[?] best man that thare
is in the service I Believe that
Haclack[?] is the best and Mclenen next
and Pope third and then Curtis
but this is just my opion I may
be right and maby rong time will ha[hole]
to show, you said that you had [hole]
got any letter from me since you[hole]
about the money that the other [hole]
wrote about but I exspect ear this you
will get a better letting you know
that I sent some too for I have
writen 4 Since I send the money
home I am to write once week w[hole]
I can and I want you to do the [hole]
if not oftener I sent you[hole]

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pay day and I will try and send
you 25 this I want to live as
saving as I can and send all the
money I can for it will come in
good play if I ever get home and
if I dont it aint throwed away
I wa[hole] you to write and tell me
how [hole]ch money I have sent for I
have forgotten, I expect that we will
be payed of again is the course of two
weeks for we was musterd for pay yesterday
But I [~~“have”~~ crossed out] ve wtien all the knews
that I can think of so I had
Beter stop so I will Close for
this remaining you Affectionate
[hole]usband geo B Davis
Catharine Davis