

Camp on big Black Sep the 5 1863

Dear wife

I once more take my pen in hand to write
you a few lines to let you know that I
am still alive I am not verry well
nor I havent been for some time but
I feel better this morning then I have for
sometime past I have had some ague and
some fever and some diarea but I think
if I take cure of myself now I will
be all O K before long again the
Sicklest p[stain] of the season is mostly
over now the boys are getting better as
a general thing we have lost three
out of the Battery since we came
here they died of kind of a camp fever
we have had awful bad water till we
got here and it is not so verry good
here we have hardly enough well men
in the Battery at the preasant time
to take care of the horses but we
will be all right after a while
we hear here that charlston is ours

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but we have herd it so often we
dont believe it yet but it is bound
to fall some of these Days and when
that falls I think the rebs will
think it is time for them to give up
the Citizens seems to think the day
is dead now they say here that they are
all union men they have been asueing[?]
rations to the Citizens but that is
all done away with if they get any
thing to eat from uncle Sam they
have to move in to our lines to
get it, you had ought to have your
garden truck down here to sell you
could get a good price for it
watermellons is worth from 50cts
to \$1.50 Bautter is worth 50 cts cheese
40 we cant get any eggs here now at
all the weather is so hot that they
cant keep them I think I shall
be at home against this time next
year if nothing happen more than
I can think of now I think I
Shall be up thare next year to

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eat some of your chickens +
potatoes I got two pounds of honey
to day and a pound of Butter I am
you see a going to live fat for awhile
we dont get any good butter here like
you have up thare but anything will
do for a soldier you know
we got our pay about a week ago I
have not sent you any yet I thought
that I would get to come home but
I dont think that I shall come at
all now I expect that Abe or Some
of the boys will be a going home
from the co and I will send my
money by them I had the promice of a
Furlough from the co but they have passed
Such regulations that I cant get one
from thare and I cant get one from
here before about the midle of october
and I dont hardly believe it will pay to
take one then the Sickly Season will be
over then and I wont have a great
while to stay anyhow only about 9 months

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So I think I had better save my
money it will cost at the least calculations
40 dollars to go home and back and that
will help us a goodeal when I get home
that is if I ever get thare, I never here
any thing from harve he keeps prety num
Mose is Discharged I have never got a
letter Scom[?] him but one of the boys
in the battery was in the Hospital when
he was discharged, I don't think that
we will have to stay our time out
things looks prety bright for our side at
the preasant time let us live in hopes if
we die in dipair I havent got a letter
from you for the last two weeks but I
am looking for one evry day but I
guess I will close for this time
I will send you a ring in this letter it
has verry bad Enitals but I think it is
a pretty ring dont you no more this
time from george B Davis to his
wife Catharine Davis