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No. 8 Camp in rear of settlement  
June the 17<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear wife

I thought that I would write  
you a few lines this evening to  
let you know that I am still  
alive & not out for the same  
first rate health that we have  
not caught our neighbors  
yet but I think their time  
is short I saw a couple of  
Seco Disasters this morning and they  
say that they dont think that  
they can hold out longer than  
a few more at Saratoga but may  
they will try and hold out some  
longer but I think their stay  
is short anyhow we still occupy  
the same ground that we did  
the last time I wrote we  
fare prett well now as far  
as our battles are concerned we  
have about all the soft bread we

can eat and that is something  
for a Soldier to say we have  
lost one man out of the Battery  
since I wrote he was shot through  
the head they send their balls  
in pretty close sometimes but we  
have got so used to them that we  
dont mind them much  
there has been none killed or wounded  
in the co since I wrote before  
we signed the pay roll yesterday  
or the day before I have got  
my Descriptive roll so I will draw  
my pay in the Battery after this  
bill I go back to the reg and I  
think pretty strong of going back  
after we get weeks leave taken but  
I dont know yet wheather I  
will or not it is just as the  
Spirit moves me the troops  
are all in first rate spirits  
they think that we soon will  
be in town and then they will  
have a spree

It will soon be Two years since  
I left home and one year more  
if the war dont end before that  
time and then you will see this  
clerk at home once more for  
a short season anyway I dont  
expect that I will ever be good for  
any thing to work any more I  
has been so long since I done any  
I spoke in my last letter about  
seeing about buying that good place  
but you had better wait a spell and  
see and may we can get a little  
place that will suit us better  
write and tell me what it can  
be got for and how much you  
could sell the cattle for but  
if they are good colts I dont want  
them sold if I should get to come  
home this fall I will want them  
to work next summer and what  
is your steers worth in money  
but I believe that we will all  
get to go home before next spring

but I believe that I have  
wrote all the news that is of any  
consequence I believe that there is  
no tidings of Mrs Starks yet I have  
not heard from her since till or just  
yet I am going to send you  
a Belt Buckle in this it was  
very nice when I first got it.  
but it has got spoiled carrying  
it in my pocket, but I will  
close for this time I have  
not had any letters from you  
for over three weeks but I  
presume that they are coming  
on the road some hard take  
good care of Mary and yourself  
and good bye for this time

Yours affly  
B. Davis  
to his wife  
Catherine Davis

George B Davis  
Catherine Davis