

No.8 Camp in Rear of Vicksburg,
June the 17th 1863

Dear wife

I thought that I would write
you a few lines this evening to
let you know that I am still
alive [faded] and first the [faded]
first rate health but we have
not caught our Sese negitbors
yet but I think their time
is short I saw a couple of
Sese Disertors this morning and they
say that they dont think that
they can hold out longer thare
till ["tomo" is crossed out] next Sunday but maby
they will try and hold out some
longer but I tink their stay
is short anyhow, we still occupy
the same ground that we did
the last time I wrote we
fare prety well now as far
as Eattebles are conceined we
have about all the Sapt bread we

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can eat and tat is something
for a soldier to say, we have
lost one man out of the Bateria
Since I wrote he was shot through
the head they send their balls
in prety close sometimes but we
have got so used to them that we
dont mind them much
there has been none killed or wonded
in the co since I wrote before
we Signed the pay Roll yesterday
or the Co did I ha[stain]e got
my Discriptive roll So I will draw
my pay in the Bateria after this
till I go back to the reg and I
think prety strong of going back
after we get vicksburg 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

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It will soon be two years since
I left home and one year more
if the war don't end before that
time and then you will see this
Dorkie[?] at home once more for
a short season anyway I don't
expect that I will ever be good for
any thing to work any more it
has been so long since I done any
I spoke in my last letter about
seeing about buying that gass place
but you had better wait a spell and
See and maby we can get a litle
place that will suit us better
write and tell me what it can
be got for and how much you
could sell the colts for but
if they are good colts I don't 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

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But I believe that I have
wrote all the news that is of any
consequence I believe that there is
no tidings of Mr Starks yet I have
not herd from harve bill or Fred
yet I am going to send you
a belt Buckle in this it was
prety 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 a coming
on the road somewhares take
good care of mary and yourself too

good bye for this time
From geo B. Davis
To his wife,
Catharine Davis
George B Davis
Catharine Davis