

Camp on big Black Aug the 26th 1863

Dear wife

I once more Set down to write you a few lines to let you know that I am still among the living I have received two letters from you since I have writen to you the reason I have not writen is that I have not been very well for the last few days I have had kind of a dump ague but I think that I have got it broke for a While thare is a good many sick at the preasant time thare is more sickness in the Battery than thare has ever been before at one time thare has been three deaths in the Battery since I wrote before it is kind of acamp feaver they dont live a great while if is a going to kill them it all thare has two Died out of the 4th Since we have been here thare is only about 25 for duty in this battery out Of a hundred and 25 so you may guess it is not very healthy here at the preasant time it has been the hottest weather for about a month that I ever saw as ever want to see again the citizens say it is hotter here than it is at neworleans but I guess that the hottest of the weather is prety well over for this year but for something else times in a general way is verry dull money is scarce the troops have not been bayed off yet but it is reported that we will get our pay this week but thare is no telling thare is almost four month pay due us thare will be the last of this month we would of had our pay long ago but the money was lost So we had to wait

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I am Sorry to here that kask cason
is worce but I am still in hopes that he
will get a long yet it must be that
Polly Arm[faded] wants to get red of him that
she wont take the right kind of care of
him but he has plenty of relatives thare
to see that he has the right kind of care
now for some thing else well it will be
this furlowg business I begin to think
that I shall not get a furlowd although
I may after a while we have only a litle
over ten months to serve and one can stand
it that long although I would like to come
home Dan Cooper told me before he left
that I would come back to the co he would
let me have any from thare but I cant
get one from thare unless I do go back
I dont want you to let money out any
unless it is good pay I have kept account of
all the money I have sent home since I
have been in the service I will tell you
how much I have sent whe you get that
50 Dollars of Cooper and \$15 from Dorrance
it makes [~~“\$7,000”~~ is crossed out] Seven hundred and 15 Dollars
I wanted to know how I get so much I will
tell you me and an other fellow got 6 boxes
of tobacoe when we was at jackson and we
got about prety near Six hundred Dollars
3 hundred Dollars a pice we sold the most of
if for a dollar a plug we would of got more
but we had a good eal stold but I guess
that I have writen enough for this time
[~~“to”~~ is crossed out] I guess you had beter direct the balance
of your letter to the co from geo B
to his wife C Davis