

On By Bla[hole]

Sep 21 [hole] 3

Dear Wife

I [hole] that I would write in a  
letter [hole] day in answer to the one that  
you sent by James Dorrance you appear  
to be disa point[stain] because I do not get  
to come home I did expect to get to come  
but the way the thing has turned out  
I don't expect that I shall gt to come  
At all I never told you that I was a  
Coming home but I did calculate to come  
All the time till about two weeks ago I  
Expect that I should of got to come home  
If I had of kind of sucked around the  
Officers in the Battery but I don't do no  
Such a thing that is played out with me  
And I will be just as well of in a year  
[hole] this time I expect that you are  
[hole]inted and I was too but I think that  
[hole]is no use to cry for spilt milk  
[hole]I live and have good health I feel  
[hole]satisfied and I expect to be at  
[hole]than a year anyhow

[hole]g to sen[hole]  
[hole]iams I don't know how  
[hole]Send yet but I shall  
[hole]that I can possibly spare  
I told you that E.G. Stuart would  
pay you twelve Dollars but he payed me  
before he left here he has gone  
home on sick furlough if that  
money is all right that Jim Dorrance left  
with Furate write and let me know  
and I will give Jim and Cooper their  
notes Jim Dorrance promiced me that he  
would go and give you the money but  
if you get it thare it will do just as  
will Jim tells me that you let Furate  
have all your money I expect you know  
wheather he is good or not for I don't  
know any thing about him, you musent  
[hole] Disapointed at nothing kit you say you  
[hole]apointed because I do not come home now  
[hole] that [stain] would come home if I could  
[hole]t I want to see you and mary as  
[hole] want to see me but I have  
[hole] the to stay in the service or

[hole]t abe gun[hole]nt get  
no[hole] to morrow or next [hole] much  
to the Pioneer Corps to get [hole] not  
Pointed but I don't expect th[hole]cost[?] home  
it done in time to send it by Abe but  
I will get it and send it to you by  
mail I think that they are a great eal  
nicer than the dagnerreatzpe but after you  
get it if you want my likeiness the other  
way I will sent it to you too I was  
sorry to here that mary was not well  
I am in hopes that she is well by  
this time I had rather you would live  
at your Fathers if you can till I get home  
and then I will try and get you a home  
I expect that you have some troble having the  
way you do and I have a litle here b[hole]  
I have made up my mind not to let  
any thing troble me as long as you[hole]  
Mary stays well I just say let the [hole]  
take care of themselves and I will t[hole]  
the same I Signed for one of[hole]  
records of Co F and I shall[hole]  
home when I get it it[hole]

[hole]te will an[hole]  
to write home I will[hole]  
more when I do get thare[hole]  
be uneasy about me not ho[hole]  
because I shant die if I can help it you  
may bet and 50 Dollars will help us  
a good eal, I expect you had better  
sell some of the stock if you haint done  
so all ready I would not sell any of the  
young cattle that is the calves if I was you  
sell the stears and a couple of your  
cows that is if feed is scarce if it  
aint you can keep them what is the  
colts worth that is what can you get  
for them in money if the frost has  
killed the corn thare it will be apt to  
be prety high so it wont take long  
for a cow to eat more than she is worth  
but I guess that I have writen enough  
this time I shall look for something  
when abe williams gets back I [hole]  
satisfied to get a letter when Jim[hole]  
get back for I had not had one[hole]  
but no more this time From yo[hole]

G B Davis

[“Catharine Davis” is written along the left margin of the letter]