

[“this is the last letter before he  
was taken prisoner” has been written in on top left corner of the letter]  
Olaysville Ala March, the 10, A.D. 1,864

Dear wife

I thought as I had nothing to do to day  
I would write you a few lines I have not-  
hing to do and I am lonesome and I  
will pass off my time in writing to  
you I am well and in good spirits o[hole]  
I am so awful lonesome tha[stain] is n[hole]  
going on here and consequently it is ver[hole]  
it would be some consideration if we [hole]  
only kick up a fuss withich our f[hole]  
over the river I and some more of [hole]  
was down in the bank of the river[hole]  
day and the rebs wanted us to com[hole]  
and we told them to go to hell and [hole]  
shot at us and then [faded] into the[faded] shot[hole]  
and they had better stay thare for the [hole]  
river is only about 500 yards wide here  
and our guns will shoot that far  
first rate well you see after they  
shot at us I was so darned mad I  
dident know what to do so I and an  
other fellow [hole]ut of our co started down  
through the woods we was walking along  
talking low to ourselves not expecting to  
see any thing when I herd something in  
the bush I told Goodwin to keep

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low for I herd something so we  
both laid down for the thing was [~~“cming”~~ is crossed out]  
coming right towards us and we both  
cocked our guns and we did not have  
to wait more than five minutes before  
a Sesech hog walked out of the bush  
not more than ten seps from whare  
[hole] lay concealed and us[?] I wasent in  
[hole]verry good umor I just shot the old  
[hole] ou so we skined him and took  
[hole] to camp and eat his liver for  
[hole]her and I am in hopes that I  
[hole] get several good meals out of the  
[hole]ance of him so ended ours[?] Sesech hog  
[hole] for something else It was an our  
[hole] raining night last night but it  
[hole]has cleared off warm and pleasant to day  
[hole]t is warm enough to plant corn here  
the neighbors are making some garden  
but not planting much I expect they  
think thare is no use in planting if  
the yankees does all the harvesting and  
I dont blame them for not planing  
Nate Kinkennan has left here his  
discharge come on the Woodv[hole]lle and I expect  
he will be at home before long  
W.W. Crandall had got back he got  
here the 8 of this mont he looks  
first rate

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I believe you never told me wheather  
you got the money on that order or not  
if you did I forgot it I am sorry to  
here that yo[hole] Father is so unwell I am  
afraid that it will be hard times for  
them but I presume that Fugette is  
large enough to do a good eal of work  
by this time I expect that the boys are  
at home by this time enjoying themselves  
by this time well I am in hopes they  
may have lots of pleasure for they deserve[hole]  
and I think after my time is out I [hole]  
apreciate the good things of home as [hole]  
as I want to I am glad now tha[hole]  
couldent join them the Surgeon [hole]  
me he would send me to the invalid [hole]  
but I guess that he lied to me I di[hole]  
hate to go off and leave the regF I felt[hole]  
about like I did when I left home thare  
was a good lot of boys in co F and I  
hated to leave them but I couldent help  
myself and I am one that dont cry after  
spilt milk our Capt mame is  
House I think he is all o.k. but  
some of t[hole] boys dont like him  
verry well but you know that thare  
was some that didnt like Jesus christ  
and it is hard to please all

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I believe that I have written all  
the news if the boys ["have" crossed out] are there  
you can tell them that G N Fibles is  
working a way to get his co made  
up he started do day for wodville[?]  
I dont much believe that he will get  
a commission but he may he told  
me that he had 20 men to swear in  
give my respects to the boys if they  
are there but good bye for this time  
from George B Davis to his  
Wife Catharine Davis

[hole]N B Direct your letters to  
[The following is written sideways:

write as long  
letters as I do  
if you can  
and ablige[?] you  
old man]

George B davis  
1<sup>st</sup> Division  
15 Army Corps  
in care of capt House

you was wanting me to write often and  
I think I have done very well since I  
have come to this place I expect that  
you are living to yourself by this time  
if you are I hope you will enjoy yourself finely  
I am in hopes that I will be there after  
a while to live with you but I will bid you  
good bye for this time try an[hole] write as often  
as you can C from george B Davis to

Catharine Davis

My love to you and Mary Jeff Davis