

Feb the 28
Cross Hollow Benton co Arakansas

Dear wife

I [faded] take pen in hand to [faded] and write
a few lines I am well hoping this will find you
the same I got two letters from you to Day
[stain] this that we [faded] Roll I lost
and we are away down here [faded] kept
[faded] did [faded] all Price but we gave
[faded] a prety tight race we followed him for [faded]
[faded] 10 [faded] thare we [faded] every Day
but [faded]try did not [faded] good luck
[faded]
[faded] reinforced
this place by ll'n[?] Coughs troops we have been
staying here for about two weeks the last skirmish
we had with the rebles we lost about 4 men killed
and 15 wonded, we had some prety hard marches
but the boys showed their grit I expect that
we are a staying here wating for r[faded]forcements
but I dont know it is to be hoped that we wont
stay here long at any rate we have done [stain]larbly well
for Eatables scarce once or twice t[stain]

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it is reported that price is now at or in the
vacinity[?] of Ft Smith but I dont know
whare he is I cant think to night what to
write but I will tell you what for a country this
is it is full as bad if not worce than Misoan[?]
there is some prety good looking farms in this country
we have some aples to eat on the road there
is fone[?] nice orchards in this country War
is a horrible thing in a country they burn
fences for wood eat Sesec cattle ant take every thing
the sesec has got most of the folk has left their
homes and gone with old price thare there is
some fe[faded] that stand to home they are Sca[stain]
most to death till they see our men and the[stain]
they get our[?] their fright Price has told them
that the Dutch, that is the union troops
killed men women + children but enough
of this, we was on Picket guard last night
when I say we I mean co F I stood on
post from 2 till 4 but I did not see
Ded thing only one Ded horse I saw the
Batle ground at wilsons creek I will tell
you how it looked when I get home

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whare they had the last fight with
price they killed lots of horses I expect
that thare was 40 horses killed we was Drawed
up in line of Battle but after wating
about 2 hours we was orderd back to camp
and we have not traveled far since
when that was I have forgotten us soldiers
["have" is crossed out] do not keep a count of time this
is a prety hard place to get knews as to
get to send it Done I suspose is still
at roll all of the rest of the boys are a
long excepting Pharons[?] Mconky he stayed
at lebinon he has not got stout since he
had the measels I mean the boys that come from
that neighborhood I thought I would finish
this with a pencil as the ink is so bad we are
still without money and without Price but
There is no need of money here I dont want
to get payed off while we are in this D[faded]
we was musterd for Pay again to day so you
See when we get our Pay we will get 40
months in the place of two it is a
mistake about our having to pay for

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our clote all that we Draw over [~~“3”~~ is crossed out] 350
per month we have to pay for but 3
will have to stop writing for this time
for it is geting Dark and this has to
be mailed to night or it wont get to go
so I will bid you good by Promising
ever chance I get to send them
that is if I can get writing material
good bye from gB Davis to C Davis
No I Dont know

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if you want to take a knews paper 3 have
no off[faded]ations g7d bz2 16d gBD you