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Dear wife

I recieved your kind letter of the 14 last night and I was glad to hear from you and to hear that you was getting along so well and I am glad to be able to answer it my self although it be ever so poor I have had a hard time of it for the last two weeks I took a hard cold and it settled on my lungs and that threw me into the camp feaver and having nothing to shelter me from the cold and storm but our shelter tents which are not as good as a last years birds nest it went hard with with me but I have bin on the gain for the last two or three days if I do not have any pull backs I think that I shal get along I am very weak yet the boys have stuck to me like brothers if they had not I do not know whare I should have ben now Wel it is sunday and it is a raw cold day last night it snowed some and it was quite cold to night it will be a hard one I have seen Johnson since I commenced this letter he is wel and feeles wel he inquired after you and the children if you can read this letter or make aney thing of it you will do well I am sick cold but I am not home sick I am hoping for better times when we shal all be together in our little home enjoying our selves again you may think by the run of my letters that I am down harted but that is not so I have not for one moment been sorry that I enlisted all that I ask is my health I can die in battle like a man but I hate the idea of dieing here like a hog not that I think thare is any danger of it for the pressent for I am quite well to what I have ben but if thare is a place on gods earth that I hate that place is virginia wel I have growled anough here goes for some thing more plessent if I can think of any thing thare is one thing that pleasses us here that is the removle of McLelland he is to slow for these fast times we think that Burnside is the man I have ben counting your letters that I have got since I have ben here in va thare is 5 of them I got the stamps that you sent me I have got 2 papers I wish that you would send me the flag evry week after you have read it it goes the rounds all the company look for it as mutch as I

We signed the pay role 2 weeks ago how soon you will get it I can not tel I hope before long you will get 20 dollars they owe me 39 but they keep one months pay back kiss lide and the babies for me and if I was thare I would kiss you write soon good by A H

I have put on my last stamp