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Dear wife

it is sunday here and hot enough to boil eggs there is some prospects of a shower which will be very acceptable just now We are laying in the old camp yet and do not know what we are going to do next enney more than you do but think that we shal go over the river pretty soon again to see what the rebs are doing we all made a mistake in regard to Semour Sykes he was not kiled instantly as we surposed he was shot on Satureday night and lay on the field until Tuesday and sufferd a great deal but he was brought back on this side of the river and died in the hospital Martain Champlain has not been heard from we think he kiled

The mail has just come in and no letter for me well I cannot help it

The reasson that you did not get aney letter from me was the mail was stoped for 10 days before the battle I got your letter of 12 but you had not heard from me then since the battle I have written two to you since then one of them had a check for forty dollars in it and I feal very ancious to know if you have got it it is to mutch to loose I would like you to night and the little ones they will forget that have got a pa but this thing cannot last a great while longer it seames to me I want you to write to as often as you can and not wait for me and be a good girl and keep your courage up so good by yours truely

A Humiston