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Dear Rhoda

Another week hath passed and since I wrote to you and I have not had a letter from you yet I did not expect any this week but I shall be very much disappointed if I do not get any this week it is now two months since I heard from you and I have written you a great many letters in that time. When I got to the regiment I found that the prisoners that were taken at Chancellorsville was exchanged and got back to John Wilson who was reported in the papers to be dead is here his wound is healed but he is not well and I don't think that he ever will be the same man again he had one brother killed at Williamsburg and another died at Suffolk last winter but I hope that he may get home alive we have been to work this week building rail road to supply the army at Chattanooga it seems like old times to be with the regiment again but we miss our officers very much especially the Captain but we hope they will soon be back with us I suppose you think hard that I am not at home before now well I did not expect to stay so long but now I am here and must stay and if I was at home the chance is that I would have to come yet and perhaps leave you worse off tell you air now and now I am here and my chance is better for 2 years more than a new man for 1 year but I don't think that I shall have to stay another year I trust that the Lord will give success to our army and that peace will again bless our land and we may enjoy our homes again I often think that if I will get home that I will know how to enjoy it after living so long more like an animal than like a man but the son is down and I must stop good night and God bless you is my prayer

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