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Camp Near Fairfax

My Dear Wife as
 i have a few moments
 to spare i thought i would
 write to you to let you
 know that i am in the
 land of the living i
 received both of your
 letters and was glad to
 hear from you all well
 Thurofare gap a week ago
 last Sunday night and arrived
 here safe my health is getting
 better so i drive my team
 i dont know how long we
 will stay here i did not
 get the letter stamps you
 sent so me tell abe to

Clammy
 Letter from service
 dated Nov. 24 1862
 does not mention
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 your eyes

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that he must be a good
Boy and help you all he
can write and tell me.
Where house you live in
and how you get along
i dont know when we will
get our pay but as soon as
i get it i will send it to
you with i could see
you and the children i
think we will all be home
in the spring i hope so.
Send me 4 or 5 stamps
when you write give my love
to all my friends
tell Mr. Hooker to write to me
i would write to him but i
have no stamps they make
us skiddaddle out of the gap
double quick and it rains

all night the night we
left you must write
to me often for you
dont know how much good
it does me to hear from
Home we are rite in the
woods so you see i have
no chance to get my likeness.
But when i get a chance
i will have it taken
No more at present
So good Bye my Dear
i send a kiss to you and
the children rite soon
From your Husband
Frank Patterson
rite soon