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Dear rhoda I wroat more yesterday then I expected to but i must
tell about the negroes and things on the north side of the river where
we stayed more then two weeks they knew nothing about the presedents
procklamation tell we came there though a great many hed left before
some stayed that their masers said that the yankies wanted to get them
to washington and kill them to eat but they said they maver believed
it and when they saw negro teamsters in the army they knew better our
officers forraged a good deal for the teams though these and the negroes
would tell them were to find their corn and anything the wanted the
folks about there kid everything i have been wateing for the mail to come
in but it is comand and no letter for me i received a letter from mary
a stowell last nite i will send her one today.
tell Willey he must be a good boy go to school and learn so that he
can teach ida yours James D Quilliam