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My Dear wife as i have a fiew moments to spare i thought i would rite to you to let you no that i am on the land of the living i recieved boothe of your letters and was glad to Here from you all we left Thurofare gap a week ago Last Sunday Night and arrived Here safe my health is geting better so i drive my team i dont know how long we will Stay here i did not get the letter Stamps you sent to me tell abe to that he must be a good Boy and help you all he can rite and tell me Whoes house you live in and how you get along i dont No when we will get our pay but as soon as i get it i will send it to you i wish 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 rite give my love to all my friends tell Ed hooker to rite to me i would rite to him but i have no stamps they made us Skiddadle out of the gap double quick and it rained all Night the Night we left you must rite to me often for you dont know how much good it does me to here 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 takeen 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

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