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Dear wife

i now take my pen in hand to write to you to let you no that i am well and hope this will find you ingoying the same blessing i am still with the team we have a pretty hard time now the mud is so deep that we can hardly get around Hellen you say that you do not get eny letters from me i write as often as i can we have been on the tramp al of the time you think i do not think eny thing of you but that is not so ther is not a day that i do not think of you and the children and i hope some time to be at home with you Hellen i am agoing to send you a check for \$20.00 we got our pay to day i got \$24.00 i did not get so much as george did for i did not enlist as soon as he did but if i cannot get my pay so that i can seport my family here i shall go where i can you must keep up your courage and so as well as you can i can write no mor now so good by for this time

your husband Frank

Abe you must be a good boy and tak care [of] your Mother and ida and lecta you must be a good girl and Pa will be at home some time to tak Care of you and the baby

this is from your father

Hellen you must be sure and spell your name when you sign the check the same as it is on the face of the check or you will spoil it for the name is spelled rong

Hellen you write as soon as you get this here is a kiss for you and the children

Frank

direct the same