

Thoroughfare Nov

My dear but absent wife it is with  
much pleasure that i take this  
Opportunity to let you know that i am  
Well and hoping that these few  
Lines will find you the same  
My dear i would wrote to you  
Before but i have been sick in the  
Hospital two weeks but i am  
Getting tough again and i have  
Ben driving my team a week and  
I think i shall be all right again  
My dear i think i shall get seven  
Dollars a month extra and i will  
Let you know when i get my  
First months pay and i think we  
Will get it before long but i dont  
Know when tell abe he must  
Be a good boy and miss his ma  
And take good of the children  
And my dear i want you  
To write where you live

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And write about the folks are  
 Doing out there and whether  
 George is yet or not and write  
 Whether they are drifting there  
 Or not my dear is so thirty one  
 Rebels taken at Jamesville last  
 Night the were all covered in  
 Blood they looked horrid they were  
 Almost naked my dear we have  
 Had a fight yesterday and  
 Our men killed the rebels like  
 a flock of sheep and our  
 Squadron at thoroughfare gap  
 Our men fought and my  
 Dear don't think we will  
 Win any fight this winter  
 But we hope to know but I  
 Think we was will be settled  
 Before long unless my  
 Dear says it will for  
 I don't know  
 So you and the children

My dear I want you to  
 Write often for I want to hear  
 From you every week if not often  
 And my dear write every week whether  
 I write or not and I will  
 Write as often as I can my dear I  
 Can't think of any thing more  
 Go write at present so I  
 Bring my letter to a close  
 By bidding you good by for  
 The present

Direct as before  
 Please write soon

From your husband  
 Wm Frank Paterson  
 To my wife  
 Prof Helen M Paterson

Give my best respects to  
 All and write soon  
 Without fail good by my dear