

Peter Studabaker Papers

Envelope

101st Regiment Indiana Vol

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[stamp: BLUFFTON IND. MAR 18]

Capt [sic] Peter Studabaker

C B. 101st Regiment Indiana [sic] Volt

Murfreesboro Tennessee [sic]

Undated Letter from his wife

Peter I rote [sic] all that I cold [sic] on that other Peace [sic] of paper [illegible] that I wold [sic] write a littel [sic] more on this I cut this out of Josephs [sic] Copey [sic] book I let the men have all the paper I had yesterday and I had no bodey [sic] to send over to town this morning so I will use this you said I most [sic] write so that my letter wold [sic] go out in mondays [sic] mornings [sic] mail and then you wold [sic] get it Saturday or Sunday so I thot [sic] I wold [sic] try and see if this littel [sic] peace [sic] of paper goods wold [sic] go to [illegible] you by that day a wecake [sic] and remind you of me at home untell [sic] that we are all well Peter you say [illegible] you wold [sic] have me court Marcheld [sic] you fore [sic] calling you woll [sic] think funey [sic] to hear of me being arested [sic] but the wold [sic] not be strange theas [sic] Lincoln times the Dear onley [sic] noes [sic] what cind [sic] of Laws there will be yet During his Rain [sic] Peter I see [illegible] today to dow [sic] than to waite [sic] till time comes around and puts a stope [sic] to this war Just to hope that thare [sic] wold [sic] be some thing Done but I have give it up and aint [sic] agoing [sic] to bother as long as you are well I supose [sic] I will have to let you stay thare [sic] as for Brother [illegible] I [illegible] he can get to come home some time Peter you asked me to send you the Baner [sic] of January [illegible] mine wose [sic] used up before I made it [written upside down at top of page] ben [sic] is a waiting to take the letter over to towne for me him Charlie Melzhaner and Curt Burgen are out on the front porch I will write soone [sic] agin [sic] Sarah Studabaker

Undated Letter from his wife

Peter your Brother George has not come yet fore [sic] those nots [sic] Peter I wish he wold [sic] come and get his money if he wants it fore [sic] John Studabaker has colect [sic] all them Sail [sic] Nots [sic] I guess and he has the use of the money and that dont [sic] dow [sic] us [illegible] good Abe fraid [sic] that Crosbeys [sic] money out of the Sail [sic] money that John had colected [sic] that wos [sic] 90\$ I herd [sic]. Mr [sic]Mcfaden say he thot [sic] he wold [sic] get that money that Crosbey wos [sic] oying [sic] you and him he said if he did not pay it he wold [sic] report him to he [sic] Goverment [sic] Peter you will think I bother my Self about you business Peter I never did bother my Sef [sic] about you business a fairs [sic] and I wold [sic] not now if you wose [sic] hear [sic] but

Peter I think A women outo [sic] now [sic] dear Husband [illegible] a littel [sic] I dont [sic] mean to be boss Peter I hope you will get to come home some time this Sumer [sic] you say you think you will have to stay thare [sic] all Sumer [sic] and you think it will be Sickley [sic] I wose [sic] telling Mother the other day [2 illegible words] staid [sic] here this Sumer [sic] I wos [sic] a paid it wold [sic] be sickley fore [sic] thare [sic] had bin [sic] so many horses killed thare [sic] and So mutch [sic] humen [sic] blood [2 illegible words]

[written on left margin] I think that is ofuel [sic] the way they used that Deserter I wold [sic] kill the man that But that Law in force If it wose [sic] ten years to come I dout [sic] the [illegible] but had just the [illegible] his face if you get a letter frome [sic] uncl [sic] Jim [illegible name] send it [illegible] with us

[written on top margin] If Rubin Crist had got [illegible] come home Dian Crist would of stayd [sic] with me the Sumer [sic] She Sais [sic] She will stay withe [sic] me Some but cant [sic] stay all the time I rote [sic] to you a bout [sic] hur [sic] fother [sic] Geting [sic] killed

[written on right margin] my love to you [illegible] your [illegible] wife Sarah Studabaker

Bluffton March the 15 1863

Dear Husband

it is with plasure [sic] that I try to write to you a letter in answer to the letters that I received frome [sic] you a weeake [sic] Past and tell you that we are all well and hope this may find you well and in joying [sic] your day as well as a Soldier can in a campe [sic] life now I will give you the dates of my letters that you sent me Feby 26 March 1 March 2 and 6 well Peter we had our Sail [sic] yester day [sic] Peter I thot [sic] how strange it is how meny [sic] Pepel [sic] that letter of yours called to gather thare [sic] were a grate [sic] meny [sic] hear [sic] Abe thinks Evry [sic] thing Solde [sic] well he will send you a bill of the Sail [sic] in a fiew [sic] dais [sic] I tolde [sic] him you wanted me to send you a bill of Sail [sic] I had in tend [sic] to send it to you any how if you had not rote [sic] to me to dow [sic] so for I thot [sic] that it wold [sic] be a Sadisf[cut off] to you to now [sic] how things Solde [sic] and what we solde [sic] I received to [sic] papers yesterday I forgot them when I tolde [sic] you of the letters Peter and that letter came yesterday Your house wose [sic] full of men given thare [sic] Nots [sic] a grate [sic] meny [sic] of your olde [sic] friends and acquaintance that I now [sic] that you wold [sic] of like to of seen a grat [sic] meny [sic] asked me a bout [sic] you when I herd [sic] from you last Wm Drum and Jim Stithey wose [sic] hear [sic] they seamed [sic] very glad to see each other they said they wished Cape wose [sic] hear [sic] Wm Drum said he liked Cape so good as his Brother Peter I wose [sic] Sorey [sic] to hear of Rubin Crist deth [sic] his Pepel [sic] wose [sic] a looking fore [sic] him home I did not have mutch [sic] hops [sic] of Poore [sic] Willey Luis when I herd [sic] he was so low low Peter I often think of the time when I wose [sic] at wawbash [sic] when you left me at the Depo [sic] thare [sic] Anne cried after you and I cold [sic] not get in the

[written upside down on paper] will free I some postage stamps this is Sunday after noone [sic] and littel [sic] aney [sic] wants Grand Mother got her out of dowers [sic] the Sun Shines very warme [sic] to day I think we will have raine [sic] Peter I think that if we ever see Peace [4 illegible words] I wolde [sic] like to go thare [sic] to live you say evry [sic] [3 illegible words] spring we dont [sic] have mutch [sic] [illegible] of Spring Peter [illegible] and [illegible] are out of dowers [sic] in front of the porch a [rest of that part is illegible]

Peter did them Postage stamps nots [sic] come good I sent you last letter with a Doller [sic] and hencerchief [sic]

push I never wose [sic] so glad to see aney [sic] bodie [sic] in my life as I [illegible] him he took [sic] hur [sic] and then She pushed [2 illegible words] and he got me a small glass I have it yet I able wais [sic] that if I ever saw him a gain I wold [sic] tell him how mutch [sic] I thanked him fore [sic] them kind favores [sic] but such is the sorows [sic] and disapointments [sic] to be tryed [sic] with hear [sic] and the [illegible] we bore them hear [sic] I think the beter [sic] It will be hear [sic] after fore [sic] us in a world [illegible] Peter I had Abe and Mr [sic] Grimes all nite [sic] last nite [sic] and when he went away he Bid me Goodby he said I had his Simpathee [sic] in my greiveng [sic] fore [sic] the one that wose [sic] Absent Peter it comes very close when aneyone [sic] Speaks to me of you being gon [sic] and of me greiveng [sic] Peter I dont [sic] alow [sic] my Self to think of you acoming [sic] I dont [sic] alow [sic] my Self to look fore [sic] aney [sic] thing more than a letter and when I get a letter I Sit down and read it I read evry [sic] word of it and look it over to see if there is a word any place that I have not found Peter I now [sic] that thare [sic] is now [sic] chance of you geting [sic] away oneless [sic] your [sic] sick and I dont [sic] want you to get sick for you are [2 illegible words] that a spell of feve [sic] wold [sic] go hard. [illegible] you you speak of having a cold. I have bin [sic] a fraid [sic] of you taking a hevey [sic] cold and then turning to the lunge [sic] fevr [sic] that wold [sic] be so severe that you cod [sic] not get a way and Peter I cod [sic] not get to see you fore [sic] they would not alow [sic] women to go to Nashvill [sic] on [illegible rest of line] still Peter you wanted me to write and tell you what I thot [sic] of leting [sic] David have half of our hous [sic] Peter I did write to you in other letter what I thot [sic] about renting our hous [sic] to David if he wose [sic] to get married [sic] I wold [sic] let him have some of our house to live in so I wold [sic] have companey [sic] I dont [sic] want David to get married [sic] he sais [sic] he dont [sic] so aney [sic] rise of geting [sic] married [sic] fore [sic] them that if married [sic] cant [sic] get to live together [sic] I am willing fore [sic] your plan in evry [sic] thing onley [sic] for us both to coock [sic] on one stove I wold [sic] not like [illegible] I [2 illegible words] if David helps me to see to some thing that will be anuf [sic] fore [sic] his bord [sic] Peter he is very good to me I think David will Dow [sic] evry [sic] things for us he can [illegible] thnks [sic] he is evry [sic] thing She wants him tonurs [sic] hur [sic] evry [sic] time he [illegible words] nite [sic] Peter when you rote [sic] to a bout [sic] Selling our things you did not say any thing for him to do he don [sic] as mutch [sic] as Abe for all they both seamed [sic] to want to dow [sic] evry [sic] thing as promised it to be don [sic] Peter I think this is a bout [sic] full

dont [sic] you Peter I have been wondering if you will be home when their Sails [sic] nots [sic] are due but Peter I am a fraid [sic] tha [sic] when that time comes thare [sic] will be still plenty of uncel [sic] Sams [sic] work to do my love to [illegible] Sarah Studabaker

Envelope

March 31/63

Mrs [sic] Sarah Studabaker

Bluffton

Wells County

Indiana

[stamp: upper right corner is a 3 cent stamp with Washington's head on it]

Murfreesboro Tenn [sic] March 31 1863

Beloved wife I am today in Camp well and hearty and enjoying the best of health good appetite and Plenty to eat and Pleasant [illegible] there a little windy last few days and frosty mornings but It is a Pleasant time for Camp life and we enjoy It as well as any soldiers doe [sic] Our minds runs to much on the loved ones we left behind us to make every thing pass off Pleasant. This has been a fine day among the soldiers of the 5th Division we was out in review by Maj General Rosecrans. Major General Thomas and Major General Reynolds and Major General McCook and a host of Brigadiers Colonels Lt Colonels and Majors. It was a fine day and everything Passed off Pleasant and the Boys Had on their Best and dome their Best In Marching I was proud of my Company It looked fine Boys had on their [illegible] accoutrements Knapsack Haversack and Canteen and every one had their Clothes Brushed and their Shoes Black or Greased up they looked fine I only left Two sick M M Baggs P. [illegible] (mumps) in quarters and five J.R. [illegible] and [illegible] Smith Sick in Hospital and the 4 Wounded Boys the rest were Either on duty or out in Reserve Rosecrans and his Staff and Above Genl Rode in Front of us and looked at us all and then had us March our Colum [sic] Past him. Sarah he seems like afather [sic] to us. he has a pleasant Smile for all and the Boys thinks he is nothing more than a Common man none of your stuck up Dandies I think him a very Common Man as he Passed us he acked [sic] If was afraid when we was in the Battle. (said Boys Shoot low and throw dust in their eyes and that will do more good than to kill them.) this army has Great Confidence in him and Sarah I think that we need not fear for our General Knows his Business and attends to It he must be Strict in a great many things for he has a large family to see too [sic] and too [sic] look after we have 30 days Rations on hand here now

Now Sarah I must try and Answer your letter I received yesterday I looked for It a long time but It Came at last I read It last night over twice and then I thought how glad I was that my wife and little family Far away were enjoying the best of weather. You wrote

yours the 20, and 22. I got It was 8 days on the road from the day you wrote It and 6 days from the day It was mailed. how Is It that letters lay two days at Bluffton after being wrote without you send them untill [sic] after mail Comes in Mondays. Mother Capt [sic] Karnes says I am to [sic] well to get home Sarah I am hearty and I dont [sic] think their [sic] is [illegible] enough about me to Complain Sickness to get home for I think It might Come in reality. although I would do anything in the world that is Honable [sic] to get home and see my family Sara I do want to get home again for to see you all but so long as I enjoy such good health and Passes are not granted I must no Complain but do my duty and look forward to the time that I Can say I am free again I want this war to end and then [cut off] and then I will be Twice Happy first that I am allowed to Come home (If [illegible] Is esaud [sic]) and find that our Country at Peace again with [illegible]. Soldier life Is a kind of exciting Roving and Indolent life It Is not quite my [cut off] It Is very confining but we are getting used to It and dont [sic] mind It Time Passes away very fast You speak of writing a good many letters to me Sarah I suppose I Complain to [sic] much but I look for a letter Often and they do not Come. any way I will not Complain write as often as you Can and all will be satisfactry [sic] and I will try and write as often as I Can. I got your letter with 1\$ Currency and the one with the [illegible] too It Came time for mine was about worn out. Out. About them [cut off] Envelops [sic] I wanted them to use and I Could tell where they went untill [sic] I thought of Sending them to you I wrote you that I was Sober. I forget [illegible] [cut off] that [illegible] worked them letters from the Shape of them Suppose Rett thinks that her Jim will soon be home Well Rett you must take good Care of him when he Comes Could not you write about two lines to me James L is well and would like to hear from you again. Sarah you say her mind is not on her work Well she must not go Insane for him and you say your mind is on Absent ones now loved ones do not grieve for me but keep in good Spirits and take good Care of yourself and Babies and I will try and do the Same. Sarah You say that If I do stay untill [sic] the 3 years are up and the war is not ended I will Still have too [sic] Stay Sarah at the end of 3 years I am free again to do as I please but am subject to any Draft or Conscript that may be made to Call out the Military force again. 8 P.M. I am now a gain [sic] in my tent I have just returned from a visit to Major Genl Reynolds [sic] Head quarters The Commissioned Officers was Invited there to take wine with him I went over and took a Glass with him he took me by the hand and said here is the Captain of that Company of Douglas Democrats that I saw at Wabash And Inquired If we was all right I said we was we had a Pleasant Visit he is a Pleasant Man and I believe a good General any way he sees to the Mens [sic] Benefut [sic] and has reports Made almost Daily If anything is [illegible] Now to Answer your letter again You write yours on 20 Int. and said you hoped I was in my tent enjoying my Soldier Bed Sarah I was far from It I was Sleeping in the Battle field Near Milton in the open air on a Side Hill of Rocks and Near the spot that one of those [illegible] Cedar Trees I slept on [illegible] the one marked with XX Grooved at the foot of my Bed although I was in the open air I enjoyed that night rest about as well as any I ever did I was tired that night You may depends you Commence your letter again on Thursday afternoon again and Wonder where I was I was attending the fenerel [sic] of the Boys that fell in Battle we [illegible line of text] you

speak of sitting in the front Room and looking over and seeing the little Boys a Playing how I would like to have the Pleasure of that sight again and Sit by your side and see them Play. I would like to see little Annie and see her Battling Talk. You say you would not write so much about her only I am away so long from her. Sarah I always want to hear you mention all the Childrens [sic] [illegible] in your letters I does me good in some of your letters you forget George and I would wonder why dont [sic] she say something about him. Friend Charley I know thought strange of me going and so did a great many more but Sarah I am far better Contented here now than I would be in wells County among the Party Politicians I would have to take sides with some one and I think that things are now Come to a pass that will show who are true grit. My Family was my all and I Could not give up to leave them for a long time and would not if they only thought It best and Sarah I Can tell you many things that made me dissatisfied about Bluffton If I ever get to see you again And If I am spared to return to you I hope you will always say Papa dont [sic] go for my sake I believe If you had said so before I would of stayed there It Is hard to tell what one may do. I have passed through one Hard fought Battle In a short time and think by having good health and trusting in him who sees to all things that I may return again to my family. You speak in regard to a letter from I.S. I wrote to him in regard to money that is Coming to G.S. If he had not Collected my note he would let me have some. I did not get any and dont [sic] think I will [illegible] I send you Duglass [sic] last letter in read It and then think I am not right in trying too [sic] dun this Rebellion. Collect Rent from I.S. [illegible] for Slaughter House. [illegible] [illegible] Garden Made. I will not loose [illegible] to Come home. If I get one now Sarah my love to all dont [sic] forget the Boys, Jimmy, David, George and last my Annie [2 illegible words] believe me as ever your loving Husband

Peter Studabaker

Envelope
May 7/63

John McFadden Esq

Bluffton

Wells County

Indiana

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Monday Mrning [sic] Feby 7 1863
Friend, Mc and Elizah

I am up and around I wrote yesterday you a long letter Intending for all my Old Friends which I hope you Can read and that my letter may give you a faint Idea of Scouting I got your letter of Jany 27 and was glad to hear from you. It does me good to read letters from my Old friends I Cannot write too [sic] all My Wife and family I must write to first

and then If time permits to my old friends and acquaintances So many reports to make out and Marching and Drilling It keeps me very busy and about every 3 or 4th day a Foraging or working in Entrenchments A Capt [sic] If he attends to his duties does not spend much Idle time in the Army Mc. I am glad to hear of you visiting my family for I know you would always find one there whom I am afraid Is lonely and you being a good Hand at Jokes would Cheer her up and then I write to her so you all Can hear from me. About money matters we Care but little about here but we would like to see the Paymaster Come around but then Scrip will buy anything here and the Boys get It for about 1 cent for Dollar there is men [illegible] It around I dont [sic] know good from Bad all [rest of line illegible] yet I have [illegible] had any. I see every thing is High in the North I suppose money (Rap) Is about a Plenty as [illegible] is in June in some of Wells County flats I never got those Papers. A Paper when It gets here If old is [illegible] to as we get the [illegible] every week. the 30th is now here, anytime you feel like writing Just write and address to Co B 101 Reg Ind Vol and to the last Place you heard from us and It will follow us Untill [sic] we stop. About the Office I hope all was done fair and right and having the ultimate Confidence in you and Elizah I know It has been done so If I ever live to get home and wither of you Can do me any good I know you will for I have always thought you two of my warmest friends in Bluffton Elizah said he would send me a statement of my acct 1st Jany as yet I have not received It I wrote to him about 25 Dec And In the balance I hope to have It by the time you want It my Brother did not need his money and so now there is only balance in the Nelson Claim. In 6 days more I have 6 mo [sic] Pay due me but I dont [sic] Expect to get half of It I.S. wrote to me that If I did not get my pay he would let me have the money to pay all up and for the County Matter I hope he will settle It If was about on [2 illegible words] when he gets his money I would get It for I would file a bill against his pay and he Could not help himself for he owes that Amt to Government and he has to Certify everytime [sic] he draws any money that he is not Indebted to It before he gets a Cent. And Mc I must Close you Can send any letter to my old friends or let them Read It If they think It worth reading I wrote In a good deal of a hurry and you will still see that my (C) is a hard to make as ever I will now Close by saying Nill Lewis has been very sick but is better some of the other Boys are Complaining but none bad Hoping you will Attends to all the Wants of the Soldiers [sic] Widows and not let them suffer. I will say Good bye Write Often Both of you

Peter Studabaker

Bluffton Ind Nov 30 1863

[illegible 2 lines of writing written over the place and date]

Lt. Barton Linsey and Gents

To one and all I would Just say Capt [sic] Pete Is right side up with Care enjoying good Health but Is most froze to death It Is cold as greenland [sic] up Here It takes about two Extra Coats to keep me warm. I am Just about talked too [sic] death every body wants to know every thing and a little more to [sic] I still keep up yet but Cannot tell how much longed I will Hold out I have saw from the papers that you have been giving Bragg a

little [illegible] grape and [2 illegible words] Jonathan Smith. I am looking for full particulars from you I think wood must be plenty If all reports Is true. George Riley Came [illegible] yesterday. orderly Miller also this [illegible] Lewis [illegible] of 101 and W.B. Miller of [illegible] are [illegible] and leave for the south In the morning I have attended several dinners since I Came [illegible] to day at Squire Kellogg everything looks [illegible] Here for recruits as the Boy said about 4 have said they will go with me. [illegible] has one tight I have not heard from the Rest. Next Saturday we Have One grand Rally and going to have fine time the Home Guards are going to have a grand Review. They and some on drill about 10 of ahead of Casey all Have Arms and Equipments [sic] and a full suit of Uncle Sams [sic] Clothing. W.S. Blue overcoats are Plenty Here. I see a good many around Town [illegible] Riley Paid Nat D a flying visit at the Jail. Nat showed him the door and told him to travel. Vallingham [sic] Folk the Cause George Is doing very well [illegible] leaves for the south In the morning. Political matters are very quiet Here at present you hear but little talk about such matters. I have Heard from A.S. Oaks, Jones Leah, John A [illegible] Will Miller and Jon Clark all at Richmond In Prison. Morgan and Sims not heard of. H. Studabaker and Will Dunn are here tonight I am telling some Long [illegible] as usual. Sarah and the Babies are all well. Hog and Hemming and Josetty Sliver Here [2 illegible words] at all. about two good [illegible] makes a good shadow. Only a small portion of the Country In this Condition Potatos [sic] are scarce so Is apples. I am living High now but will be ready for the Hard Tack and Sow Belly. I am foot sore and lonesome. There is no Bands or [illegible] music Here to wake me up but for Roll Call we have Band of Family Organs to fortify me [illegible] Robison is quite a Boy and so are the Rest Sarah has Just been up staots and says this awfull [sic] Cold night and I think she knows for she is now Piling up the [illegible] wood to make a Hot Fire now Boys I have not heard from [illegible name] for sometime and am looking anxiously for a letter so when It Comes I will try and [illegible] It Anxious Father and Mother have to hear from [illegible name] daily. Plenty of snow and Cold weather here now. The fround is about as smooth as the Bottom of [illegible] Water It Is rough beyond a doubt. David Angel is very [illegible], Cannot live long. Bill Hartman [illegible] you Boys and Babies Likeness In my Posket. I saw the original also your wife and Davids [sic] wife and Mother. I have about seen all the friends of the Boys I have met with rather a serious accident. Sarah sent one of my shirts by mail and the Rats ate one Sleeve off my \$4 shirt and I think I will have too [sic] [illegible] to bed untill [sic] the one I have on is washed. respects to all [3 illegible words] dnt [sic] forget all the Boys. this is a Poor Country for enjoyment at Present. give me the Old Tent and the Sow Belly now dont [sic] forget Dan our Cook. I [illegible] although I have one of the fair sex for a [illegible] and Bluffton [illegible]

P Studabaker

Envelope
July 27/63

Mrs [sic] Sarah Studabaker

Bluffton

Wells Co

Ind

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The next letter is written over a Special Requisitions Form. The form will be transcribed first.

Special Requisitions Form

NO. 40.

SPECIAL REQUISITION.

3! Three pairs Drawers at 1.00 \$3.00

I certify that the above Requisition is correct; and that the articles specified are absolutely requisite for the public service, tendered so by the following circumstances:

[blank] Quartermaster U.S. Army; will issue the articles specified in the above requisition.

[blank] Commanding.

Received at Readyville Tenn [sic] the 20th of April, 1863 of Lt. W. Johnson Capt. 41st V.V. and A.A. Quartermaster U.S. Army, (3) Three pairs knit Drawers at \$1.00 \$3.00 in full of the above requisition.

George Lindsley 2nd Lieut [sic] Co B 101 Ind

[TRIPLICATE]

April 24 1863 6 PM

Beloved Wife

I am to night well and hearty and [illegible] myself well and feel well we are on a scout west of Liberty and 27 miles N of Murfreesboro encamped on the Bank of [illegible crossed out words] River and have one the Best of springs [illegible] water we are Camped on the Camp ground that Morgan and [illegible] have no longer Camped on we left Camp on Monday 30 [2 illegible words] 5 days have Marched about 66 miles have pleasant times one night It Rained pretty hard we have our Dog Tents along [3 illegible words] we have not Enough to Eat. we have plenty of Hard Crackers [illegible word] Coffe [sic] Sugar but nothing Else. It goes pretty well after a Hard Muck we have out [illegible] any to day been here all day I read the paper and I thought would write to you when I return to Camp I will write you a full account of this trip. I am sitting down on the Roots of a Beach [sic] tree and writing on a [illegible] Stave. Sarah I [illegible] of Biscuits to day made of Middellings [sic] that would weigh [illegible] pound each they were about 3 in across and Thick Thick and [illegible] I Could not go there Chicks is Better Chicken

and [2 illegible words] one Played out. people are very bad off [illegible] giv [sic] Provisions about out of every thing we have been following Rebels all the time I dont [sic] think they will stand us a fight we have a [2 illegible words] out about 5 Brigades 2 regiments I think It will be 6 days before we get Back to Camp again I want you to write as soon as you get this [illegible] If time you must Excuse this Bad writing for I Can hardly [illegible] paper [2 illegible words] Very Foggy and damp but [rest is too faint to read]

My Boars is so Rough and only [illegible] half sheet of paper [illegible first and last name] is along and is well he Eats with us Sarah I send this by the [illegible] of our James [illegible] he brought us out 6 days more Rations and the Boys Jimmy David George be good for you and Annie Kiss Ma for me I am as ever P Studabaker

It so Darl I cannot write