

hands on for I can double it in no time
there will be a splendid chance to make money if
I can get a little to start with and I want to make
enough so that you and I can get us a snug home
as soon as the war is over this place is the
second town in the united states that succeeded
and it is one of the hottest beds of treason that
there is we have just discovered one of our soldiers
belongs to this regiment is a woman and she is
found out and sent home she is one of those
loose characters that used to run around
camp in rockford she put on mens clothes and en-
sted just before we started it is very fine weather
neither too warm nor too hot we have not had
any rain until to day and it is sprinkling now
dont send me any more clothing of no description
for I have more than I want now I wish I could
send some home my dear wife I want you to
send me 25 cents worth of postage stamps in
your next letter and write long letters and often
for I do love to get letters from home I got one
from Sarah tell John to write to me often
and send me a Belvidere paper often give my
respects to Turner and Cohane Mrs in part
enlor my respects to Heglin tell Mike to
take good care of everything and not feed to
much grain love to fathers folks and a
big pile of love to you and the rest of my love
to the children good night dear wife of Hamer

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Camp near Jackson Nov 17
my Dear wife yours of the 11 is at hand I was
happy to hear from you and rejoiced to hear
that you were all well my Dear you stated
you were glad to hear that I had got to my
journey and all my dear a soldier as there
war times is never at his journey end until
his eyes are enclosed in death as peace is declared
we had a tedious journey tis time but our
hardships are only begun we shall soon prob-
ably be on the march and after the evening and
camping out on the field in rain and mud
I am glad that you are through husking for
now I think you will not have so much trouble
on your mind Heglin I think was reasonable
in his charges you stated that Butler was
worth 18 cents I think you had better trade
your cows for new milk cows as you have
got Mike to milk for you John can trade
for you as Turner either you stated that
you did not want me to fret about you

but oh my dear S cant help it I miss you
so much and I love you and the little ones
so much last Saturday I undertook to wash
a shirt then I miss my dear wife and I have
not changed my socks yet and my toes are
all through them and heels cut and S cant
do them then I miss you again I have the
same drawers on now that I had when I
parted with you and that would not be so
if I was near my dear wife and then when
I go into the tent at night we have got one large one
now and lay down to think of god and you and
hear the rough vulgar talk of the rough
shoulders then I miss the sweet ~~and~~ society
of my own sweet family at home but still my
dear wife I do enjoy the sweet communion with
the holy spirit and god does comfort me my
dear wife do try and meet me in heaven for
life is uncertain these times I may not meet
you again in this world and oh I want to
meet you in heaven for I cannot bear the
idea of parting with you for ever Brother
read as hear with us for a few days and I

shall request him to go and see you when
he returns and you will be glad to see him and
use him well he will pray with you and direct
you to god that has promised to keep the
widow and the orphan my dear I think your
prays are answered that you offer up for me
for I have such sweet moments of heavenly bliss
sometimes that I think some dear one must be
praying earnestly for me pray on dear wife let
your prayers ascend with mine for I pray for you
often my dear I miss you I think you miss me let us
love one another and hope soon to meet again
by what I can see hear I think you had better
save your oats and corn for they feed nothing else in
the army and you have no idea how many
oats are used for feed hay is out of the question
dont let mikes feed much grain to the horses
but let them run out and pick their
lives when they are not at work be very
careful about saving your grain save all the
money you can and make all you can for
as soon as this war is over I will want you
to send me all the money you can get you