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In Camp at Black Water Creek.

Feb. 25th, 1864.

Dear Wife,

I will try and write you a few lines to let you know that I am as well as usual.

I have got a bout over our march yesterday Jim Tanner Nate Palmeto and I went out a hunting we went a bout two mile. I could thin we shot one rabbit one Squirrel and one quail we got pretty tired by the time we got back I con we would have gone out again to day but Jim was an polishe so we could not go. We live a bout as poor as we ever did there has been a good many meals that we have not had anything but coffee and hard tack to eat. The boys are getting out timber for the bridge there is ten or more of the boys detailed for that.
I have been mending this for some time and thought this afternoon I would write to you. I received a letter from you this morning and was very glad to hear from you again. I received a letter from Char. Page yesterday; he wrote that Uncle Allen's field was very sick yet and they did not think he could get well, and he wrote that his Cousin Albert Page had come home on a furlough and after he had been at home a few days he took sick with the small pox. The rest of the folks were as well as usual.

Next Monday we must be for pay again then we will have four months pay due us and we will be likely to get it soon. We should have got two months pay the last month; the paymaster was at St. Louis but his money was in large bills and he could not get them changed but we
will be likely to get it soon and I hope we will so that I can send you some for I suppose you will need it. We are having nice spring-like weather now and I hope we won't have much more cold weather.

Your letter was mailed the 12th and Novy you need not worry about my inclining to gain Jim Tanner used to say he was a going to but he has got off from the nation now.

I don't remember of writing anything about my handsome girl. I don't know what I did write now but if I wrote that I had a girl down here I told that which was not so for I have not hardly spoke to one since we have been down here.

I don't think any different about the way he used me and probably shant. I thought you was trying to plague me a bout it and that was the reason that I wrote as I did you.
was mistaken a bant my being mad for I certainly was not. I should think Emily would have the blues some if she do not hear from either of them. I don't see why Gib do not come to Monroe Co. if he is in the state. If she should get the milder from both of them it would be rather hard for her but she will have to make the best of it let it come as it may. What is the reason that William does not write to me is he to busy going to school does he have any notion of spending any of the girls. or don't he. Jim Tanner slept with me we got a long first rate I like him as well as I do any boy in the Co. we have allways got a long first rat he has always done as he has agreed to with me but my sheet is full so I must stop so good for dearest from your ever loving husband