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Dear Children

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I now take this oportunity to let you know that I am well & I hope that these few lines may find you all enjoying good health I have just come from guarding that old jail that I told you about some time ago I feel verry proud to think that you are good children I hope you will be good so that every time your Ma writes to me she can say that you are good & mind all that you are told Cary I would like to know how you are getting along at Sunday Scool You must be a good boy when you go to Sunday School Must not play along the road I have bought each of you a nice little picture & will send them in this letter I think two of the little girls look like my little Ettie You must take good care of them There is a great many soldiers here now most all Cavalry men I dont know as they could be called a great many either but I think there is about three thousand Cavalry They are going to guard a waggon train loaded with provisions & amunition to Gen Hunters army There is men coming here every day that have been chased from there homes by the reblès Some had not the chance to go to there houses for a change of clothes or bid there famileys good by The first alarm they would have would see the rebels scouts & they would have to leave I seen one man that said he was carrying a bucket of water & he looked across to see one of his neighbors & he seen about twenty on horse back & the woman she was pointing out the union neighbors to them She was a secesh & so he had to leave I have just received a letter from Quin Fleming I am all ways glad to get a letter Give them my best respects & tell them I will write a gain when I get time I received a letter from Henry this week He is well & appears to enjoy him self very well Well Cary I wonder if you will get that letter wrote You will have to learn fast How does General do Is he alive yet I have no herd from him since I left home

Phil is here now He is going to stay The Colonel says he can get him mustered in. He can draw pay them We dont have so mutch to do now as we did The Cavalry have got there horses & the cattle have been sent away Mr Boose is doing a large butñsness here for last four or five days So many soldiers coming here & all dry & hungry when they come Sells barrell of ale in a few hours Ten cents a glass & lemonade ten cents a glass Cheese thirty cents a pound Ettie I would like to see your little & your colt & the calvs I have Bought two over coats Harvy has bought two We intend to send them home Will start them tomorow We will send them to John Taylor & you can get them We bought them very cheap if we ever get them home I bleive I have no more news to write at preasent I will finish this letter in the morning The mail dont leave till nine in the morning Well wife I guess you may as well consider part of this letter wrote to you the way it is wrote

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