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Dear Wife

I now for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time take my pen to inform you that i am well and doing well and hope these few lines will find you and Micky enjoying the same blessing i received your last letter and was happy to hear you was both well but was astonished to hear you had not received an answer i wrote immediatly on receipt of yours also when i got the box i wrote to Father the day after i wrote to you and this is the third time since to you do not dear Moll think although away from home and them we love a soldier in camp forgets his wife and child they are then dearer than ever a letter from them assuring him that they are well and doing well is the greatest happiness he can experience especially when he receives such a valuable present from his dear wife as i did if he did not appreciate it he would be drummed out of the camps i do not know how to thank you for the box it came so acceptable



i cannot describe the pleasure we had eating  
the cake i had a select party of 5 men women  
and children excluded there being none present  
your cake was delicious coming from you made  
it better as it is you received a vote of thanks from  
All present little Tommy the man that cooked  
with me at Fort Schuyler says it was the best he  
ever ate in his life while we was eating he told me  
to let you know in my next letter which i did but  
you did not receive it the tobacco and pipes were  
superb i told you in my last that i would tell  
you more about the place we are now about half  
way between Washington and Bladensburg  
Sunday i took a walk to Bladensburg it  
was very hot but we enjoyed very much not  
getting out much a stroll through the country  
is very pleasant what they call mansions  
here looks like an old fashioned farm house  
but it would have made you laugh to have  
seen us going along the road every half mile  
and sometimes less we were stopped and  
had to show our pass to the picket guard



we were stopped by two dutchman and sh  
owed him our pass he had one eye on me and  
the other on the paper that upside down but  
however he let us go on in going from our  
camp to the town we did not see a dozen citizen  
there either being none there or else they do not  
come out they talk about the beauty of washi  
ngton i have not seen a good looking woman  
since i have been here today is the coolest we  
have had since we arrived part of yesterday  
and last night it rained very hard the  
days as a general thing are hot the nights  
cold so much so that we sleep in two flannel  
shirts and a five pound blanket which is  
not uncomfortable at night there is a very  
heavy dew from a little after sundown till  
sunrise almost like rain when i wrote before  
each time i wanted you to let me know  
where i could send your money if it was  
so that i could send it in the city where  
you would be sure to get it it would be  
a great deal better i have two of Wench





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