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Dear loved one I could not
get to go home to see you
and the children I was
promised to go home to day
but this morning our capt
captain got orders to pre-
pare three days rations
cooked in mess boxes but
where we are a going to. I can
we do not no but the
the orders is to be ready
by six o'clock this evening
we have got our gowns and
they are a fetching boxes
hear to day and they say that
our clothing is in them
so we cant get a ps even
to go to town to day but
they have sent for the boys
that are at home now

I have heard since I have
ben written that it is
on serten a bout us agoing
at this time but I want
you to dew the verry best
you can and not for get to
pray by the way we have
pray. prar meeting hear every
evening I wanted to go home
the worst way but I cood
not get to go at all with out
we dew not go for a few days
yet I want you to take
good care of the childeren
and rais them by prar
if we dew not go I will
come home as quick as I
can I have had no chan
to get them brest pins fix
fixeed yet and I dew not
no wheathe I can or not
so god good by hel
A. J. Chickel To M^{rs} J. Fickie