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My dear beloved wife I received a letter from you the 13 of this month for the first. that I have ~~also~~ received from you since one dated November the 18 I believe it was the last one that you sent to Marietta and I have ritten five or six I ritten one at Cincinnati and one at Camp Oliver and one at Helena arcan ses and one as we went onto vixen burgh and one at arcans post and had got no answers so I had got all most out of hart a bout ever learning from you any more but still lived in hope some time the first of this month but did not say where you lived or how you got a long she onday said that she had ben up to see you and ~~the~~ my sweet children and I told her to right how you was a geting a long an where you was a living but still keep a ritten and I will one wance and while and I will dew the same I am out of env elops and stamps and we have not any money yet if you cood send env elops with out too much exepenes for your funds which I expect is small as well as my one for I cant get any hear nor stamps neather but I can send them with out stamps my heal th is prety good now but not quite so good as when we left marietta it remaing good till we started up the river from the chiea saw bluffs whare we had the fight at their was none of our company hurt in the fite ther was one of them shot him self in the hand with his one gear in the left hand but as we went up the river I got a bad coald and then I took the dia

ree but I got some beter and when we went
out to arcanse post to take that place I
went out with the reg ment but our di
vision was up on the west side of the river
to prevent them from crossing the river and
getting a way for the fort was on the other side
but the gun boats give them hark on the river
and the land forces by land so we had nothing
to dew so I was put out on picket and a
fogit three a clock in the morning it comensd ~~some~~
raining ~~and~~ we was out till three in the ~~after~~
noon and it ~~was~~ was raining all the time and hard
and I took a very bad cold and then the diorle agane
and it got me down very weak but I have
got a good apetite and feel some better so I
think that if we stay in camp a while I will
get my heal ~~to~~ first rate a game when we left
arcanse post our reg ment mite have went
to memphes a game but if it was not fit for
dew try but our brecken ~~lee~~ tena
ant carnel said that the 114 had not dew
any thing yet and it must be fore it went up
the river and so he got him self under a rest and
so he has resined since we laraed hear we ar in
a bowt five miles from vix burgh and have
ben hear we came in camp three weeks last
friday and the health of the boys is getting beter
but we had too to di hear one was bered today
and lee tenant roland died today he has
ben sick ever since we was at vix burgh
so I must close at presant right soon
and direct your letters to the 114 reg^{ment}
by the way of caro Elinois in stid of memphiss
tenasse
beloved (wife) Andrew J. Pickett to his dear
William ~~has~~ is ded