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My Dear friend

I now seat myself to answer your ever welcome letter which I received last week and should have answer it before this time but I have been real sick and have not felt able to write but I thought I could not wait any longer I am a good deal better to day so I have been over to your Mother and wrote some for her but I was so tired that I could not write much I am to Charley Southams again this week but I dont think I shall stay long unless I feel a good deal better then I do now your Mother is not very well but I hope she will be better soon oh Seth I can't hardly give up that you have gone so far away I was in hopes you would be home by the

fourth but that can't be now for
the fourth comes next Tuesday and
that is most here but perhaps it
will not be long before you will
be here a free man once more as Gack
says John Harris is home again and
more he expects to be mustered out this
week I am in hopes you will not
have to stay your time out yet but
I suppose you can't tell any thing
about it all we can do is to hope for
the best it can't be long at the longe
and then you can all come home to
stay once more I had a letter from
Marion last week he was at Petersburg
again doing duty there he has to
move around about as often as you
do he says his Regiment has gone
to be mustered out and they are
put in with the 10 Heavy Artillery
he thinks he shall be 21 years old
before he gets back home again Mrs
Rowley is expecting Jim home this

new for week with a Dixie Lady it seems
every day and as if all the boys are finding their
perhaps it ladys in dixy Bred has found
you will him one and I expect the next
one as gath we hear you have found you one
one more if they all find such one as
about this Bred has found it would be some
will not thing worth while for such ones are
not yet but scarce articles here dont you think
of thing so Seth I want you should write
to hope for and tell me how you spent the
at the long fourth I expect I shall spend more
at home to at home I should like to step in
the frame and see you a ~~short~~ short time that
at Petersburg say I think I could spend the day
I have to very pleasantly we had two Turnards
one as you here last week one was Sam Campbells
as gone old wife and the other was a man
they are posse Scotts Corners his name was
Artillery Gage we are having some rainy weather
years old here now but it is very warm
again Mrs Seth I dont know but you will
sure this Think I write must to after but

if you do you must say so and
I will wait a little longer before
I write again what do you do
with all of my letters I want you
should have them all up want
you and then they will be gone
so no one can see them you will
want you Seth when I write again
I will tell you all about the same
to Johns I wish you was here to go
but I suppose you will have to
wait untill another fourth comes
before you can go I guess I have
written all the news and all you
will want to read unless it is
better I want you should write
us often as you can for we are
anxious to hear from you Jennie
and Beal send their best respects
to you and Jen wants to know if
you live here now or only stay she
says she only stays here write as soon
as you get this and write all the
news good by from Sute to Seth Skill