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Dear Father

Drs Richings & Strong are here and to return tomorrow & kindly volunteered to take mail matter for us. I have no additional news. since Monday to tell you, except that George & I are both well, & ready for another March just so soon as we get orders if you can see them they will give you more accurate [sic] accounts of the Battlefield then [sic] I can by writing [sic] we recd letter from Home to day [sic] or George did I recd two from Nell, she says she will be Home at Rockford about the 8th of March. does not like it up there very much. she says she has not heard from Rockford yet. if you dont [sic] know how to direct, it is Wyocena, Columbia County Wis I wish Mate would write her as she feels as though that is her home & feels anxious to here [sic] from there

We dont [sic] know where our next move will be. probably Nashville Clarksville is evacuated so Nashville is the next stand point for the Rebels. We are all anxious to have the War ended since this battle

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I have had enough of it God grant I may never see another such o sight and I certainly do not wish to participate in one although at the time I did not fear or have a feeling of any kind excep [sic] anxiety for the good behavior of my company & when the trial came they were not found wanting, they are a brave band, and will follow me to the Cannon Mouth if need be. I shall never feer [sic] if called on again in battle

Have no fears for your two Boys, for I feel confident that we shall come out of this safe and if it is the will of the Almighty that we shall fall in our county defence [sic] let his will not ours be done we will try and keep you posted as to our movements, though Mail facilities are doubtfull [sic] with us. write us often for letters from home are great comforts to the Soldier in the field. Direct to Cairo & forward untill [sic] we inform you to change

Good Bye & May God Bless us all is the Prayer of Your Devoted Son

Capt R.P.Sealy, Co G 45th Ill vol