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Willderness [sic] Tenn Feb 5/62

you will see by this that we have got in new quarters and in the rebble [sic] land saturday[sic] night at about nine O clock we had orders to prepare for a march on sunday and at about three O clock we went on A boat and staid [sic] on the boat till munday [sic] till noon and then started for up the river and arrived hear [sic] about four miles below fort Henry and expect to attack [sic] it at any time they have been firing guns from the gun boats all day to day some of our advance

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pickets had A little scermish [sic] and killed three or four of thare [sic] men and they killed one of our men and three or four of our horses I sleppt[sic] out dorse[sic] last night for the first time in my life but we have got our tents up now but the grass is green hear [sic] in the woods I have got interly [sic] well and feel better than ever we live interly [sic] on see buiscuit [sic] and myer [sic] bacon thare [sic] is a house in sight of us that the man that ones [sic] it is a capttain [sic] in the Rebble [sic] army and has got two suns [sic] with him but the Officers [sic] will not lett [sic] us take any of the chickens or any thing elce[sic] two of the boys

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killed a pig and have got to go on [extry] duty for three days and have two dollars and A half taken out of ther[sic] pay on pay day so that they had to [dear] for it we shall probely [sic] see fight before you hear from me again but I hope to go thugh [sic] it safe when you write to me direct to Cairo the same as before give my love to mother and all the rest and I remane [sic] as ever your affectionate sun [sic]

George