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My Darling Wife

Wonder how you are this evening my dear one! Ive been in my tent all day writing a little reading the papers &c. &c. and this evening feel pretty tired doing nothing.

I am not as well situated now as I was before coming down from Harrison's Landing as the roads were so awful muddy that it became necessary to abandon my stove - consequently I've no fire - but tomorrow I think of having the boys build me a log fireplace and chimney - wont that be nice to counteract the long & chilly rains which are so frequent in this latitude at this season of the year. Yesterday and today however have been fine days.

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We will undoubtedly remain at this post about 10 or 12 days as it will require that length of time for the Col. to return from Nashville with our fresh horses - new saddles and new rifles - then we will be splendidly equiped [sic] and ready to go to the front again.

My love I would love dearly to hear from you this evening I do hope & trust that you are much - better! Sadie I think of you many times a day & oh how my heart bleeds for you - I am not near as well as I used to be and of course I can take but little interest in the service! but I think by a month or so of time I will be well again. Some times [sic] I feel entirely discouraged on the account of my sickness - feeling that I'm justly desearted [sic] by every body [sic] and then I will feel better and for a while forget all my misfortunes and try to do much about my Co. and Co.papers &c. and shortly I will

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feel weak again - The only way my sickness affects me is by weakness My blood is in pretty good condition and I can ride or walk any where [sic] and no one would know or mistrust that I am at all unwell - If the Regiment does not suit me better than it now does after we are re-equipd [sic] I shall go [to] Dept. Hd. Quarters and remain there during my term of enlistment. which is 23 months as I've searved [sic] out 13 already - has it not been a long time Sadie to us! does it not appear a long time since I first went into the service! about 30 mounths [sic] - well tis a long time surely but I think one more year will close the war - and then all the volunteers can go home and enjoy the dearly purchased peace -

I see there is a new call for troops that will turn out some of the brave boys at home will it not. I would like to have

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about twenty five more men in my company - I started ~~to~~ from Rockford with 96 men & offices [sic] and I now have only 72 living by deaths desertions - discharges 24 men so I need 25 to have a good large company - I cannot write anyth'g [sic] can I dear of any account now as I feel that I do not know anything of interest to write -

The mail just came in no letter for me - so good night my dear wife -
Your Affct Husband
CTD

To
Sadie

Please remember me to all