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Deasonville Mississippi May 28th 1863

Dear Mary

I again try to write you a few lines that you may hear from me again. I am tolerable well Jonathan is well also. Lt. Knight & Baxter are well. G. Parrish is sick with chill and fever he has it very hard. Several of the boys has the chill & fever but not very bad. Some colds amongst us water is very scarce and not good at that there are no wells in this country. The citizens use rain water caught in the cisterns it very good but they do not have enough to furnish the soldiers with any there are very few creeks in this country and they do not have water in them only in holes with a green scum on it we get plenty to eat where we get any some times we do not get it they cannot keep provisions up with us even for the army we have not waggons and teams enough to haul for the army nor they are not in the country to be got. Mary I would like to hear from you once more but I do not know what I will ever get another letter from you while we stay in this country. we get no news from any where we get no papers nor news only camp news I will try and write to you every chance I get we moved last Monday about six miles from the railroad we are north of Big Black Water River about forty miles north of Jackson. we are twenty miles from Gayson City.

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troops they are the 27th and 37th North Carolina volunteers they
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along very well, he is as hearty as I ever saw him.

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thru W. W. Knight. Care Capt. P. D. Knight 29th Regt
Missouri Brigade Walkers Division Jackson Mississippi
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can get it all down I think you or Lizzie might write
once a week any how one of you can find time to write
a few lines surely if it is too much trouble to write every
week for you to write you and make a bargain to one write
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Your faithful slave
W. W. Knight

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Your faithful Husband,

W. W. Knight