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Camp Near Chhattaranga Tenn Oct 23 1905

Dear Wife

I have again seated
myself on the mud to write you
a few lines so that I have any news
to write you. This is one place that we
can hear nothing from the outside world
we are on the list about twelve miles
from the railroad and we never
see a news paper and I have not
had a letter from home since I came
to this place. I am in command
of the boys that are
here some of them are troubled with the
diarrhoea a great deal I have to
kill about the same so when I get home
we get more to eat than I want but
it is not as good as the fare at home
some of the boys eat all they get
at a meal so you may know we don't
get as much as they ought to have but
I hope we will live better after a while
I think it time you was writing to me
and a while if you ever get this mail

me all the strange things that has
happened in the settlement or at home
if any thing has happened in that
region you cannot blame the old sol-
dier it was not his fault—you know
I would like to be at home a week
or two but duty is here and no rest
for the soldier at home I want you
to keep in good heart it is no fault
to remain at our lot. Let it be good
and bid me if Mr. Holbrook has
sold the rails yet also if the sale
at the McLaughlin place has been yet
nothing more

Your Faithful Husband
W. W. Knight

I have put stamps and me 5 or 6
I put a dollar in here.

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Camp near Chattanooga Tennessee, Oct 20th 1863

Dear Wife,

I have again seated myself on the wet mud to write you a few lines, not that I have any news to write you. This is one place that we are hear nothing from the outside world. We are on the [illegible] about twelve miles from the railroad, and we never see a newspaper and I have got no letter [illegible passage] Jonathan or Lt. Baxter. I am still in command of the four boys that are here, some of them are [illegible] with the diarrhea a great deal. I have it to still, about the same as when I left home. We get more to eat than I want, but it is not as good as the fare at home. Some of the boys eat all they get at a [meal?] so you may know we don't get as much as they ought to have, but I hope we will fare better after a while. I think it time you was [writing?] to me every [once?] and a while if you ever get them, write...

...me all the strange things that have happened in the settlement or at home. If anything has happened in that region you cannot blame the old soldier it was not his fault. You know he would like to be at home a week or two but duty is here and no rest for the soldier at home. I want you to keep in good heart . It is no benefit to repine at our lot. Let it be good or bad. Write me if Mr. [Illegible] has [fit?] the rails yet & also if the sale at the [McCoshen?] place has been yet. Nothing more.

Your faithful husband,

W.W. Knight

I have not [planted?] and [illegible]. I put a dollar in here.