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Dear Wife

I rec'd a letter from you which is the sixth and to receive these tokens so often from you is one thing that partially keeps me content but if I were no more favoured with letters than some of our boys I dont know what would be my feelings. I wrote you a few days ago and give you something of an account of the Battle of Big Bethel which you probably have had the full particulars of long before this, it is certain that only one of our regt is killed and 3 or 4 wounded in all some 30 were killed and 100 wounded nothing of much interest has happened since that time till this morning when the St. A. Co. with 2 or 3 other Cos went out into the country to get some cattle if they could find any, as they were looking about in separate squads, and surrounding some a few cattle, they were fired upon by some horsemen and in the St. A. Co 3 men were wounded and one quite badly and his recovery is rather doubtful there was but 4 out of the Quarry and they went off at full speed and but one gun was fired upon them which they say loped one of them over on his horse I tell you we are in an enemys country and at any time we may be at their mercy but we are quite confident that they will not attack us as they seem to act entirely on the defensive