



Monday May 9th 10 o'clock

My blessed darling wife

I expect you are very anxious to hear from me by this time - We crossed the Rapid Ann last Tuesday and have been fighting every day since - It has been I suppose the most terrific battle of the war - The old "tenth" have been in the midst of it all and under fire several times but up to noon today I had only lost three men killed and seven wounded - so you see so far we are having our usual good luck, but the Lord only knows how much longer it will follow us - Not one of the officers have

sent this to Washington by Gule Mail -