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Dear Wife,

According to my promise I again write you a few lines to inform you of our safe arrival at the above named place. When we left Christiana I told you as soon as I got here I would write you a few lines to let you know as soon as we got through and I only try at the present to fulfill my promise as I have nothing much to write.

We left Christiana 16th 3 P.M. March to Stone River 7 miles camped for the night.

7th 8 o'clock A.M. marching arrived at Murfreesboro 11 A.M. Partial Inspection or review of the troops then marched and camped six miles from Murfreesboro on Rock River.

18th Camped at the widow Baratt's farm 30 miles from Murfreesboro.

19th We arrived here safe and sound with out any accident or anything worth relating. I believe I have nothing more on that and as I have written what I have very bad I will notice your letters and then say no more this time. The 17th I received a letter from you two letters one April 8th/64 and 12th/64 written at your Father's Cassity. In you letter you ask me if I want Edy's minature? If you want to send them to me you can do so. I would like to see him and that is as near as I can come at present. I do not want you to send me yours unless you promise not to look so solemn or serious. I hope I will see your natural minature.

Well I am going to stop. Tell William I will write him a letter as soon as we get fixed up and then I will write you another letter and give you full description of this place and tell or try to tell you anything you want to know if you ask me. Probably there is things you would like to know that I don't think of in my letter. I told you I wanted two pair of socks or one pair. If you can send me two pair they will do me until I get home if I should live that long. Take good care of my Edmon and mind what I told you about whipping. Think who told your that. He did not want anyone to whip his boy or mistreat hime. Write soon and write more than you do to me. I know you can think of more. I wish you would learn to wrote to me. If you could nit I would not say anything. Good Morning Lizzie. This leaves me well.

John Hayes

Ever yours until death My Elisabeth Hayes