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From John Crandal – "There Is a Man to Be Shot Next Tuesday"

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Dear Nan

I am once more blessed with the privilege of reading one more letter from you it found me in good health I am able to get my allowance I wrote to Tom & Pit and got a letter to day with yours Tom says he is in good health and likes soldieren first rate Pit is not very well at present but is on the gain they are 7 miles from Murfreesboro on the McMinsville pike we are fixed up here as if to stay here all summer the officers have decorated their tents with large ever greens and sod and musel shell some of which is as large as my hand I have cracked some of them once or twice they make quite good soup we have good lot of potatoes for dinner and they tasted quite natural we have another (__) we have drawn desicated potatoes 2 or 3 times I think if you can take care of a cow I think you had better buy one but look our for Oren

try the cow before buying if you can we have all the greens we are a mind to pick and cook (Patty: the next paragraph is very faded)

everything is all quiet here ther fore there is no war news to wright you but wee are giting very strongly fortified here wee have a telegraph line from here to murfreesboro ----- by claring from one hill top to another it was telegraphed from murfreesboro that they had got Johnny (Reb?) and we men hope it is so I think that there is more deth with you thear than here wee have preaching at 2 o clock of lords day I just ben or got back from meeting he preached the 14th of

romans 7 verse I have a sad tale to tell you ther is a man to be shot next tuesday
he belongs to the 125th regt whitch is in our brigade wee shall all be called out to
see him shot he has deserted 3 times of theft and threttening his officer I have no
more to rite I belive I guess I wont send my money untill you git the other nan I
know your situation I know that I had aught to be with you but it is imposable but
keep up good spirits
from your dear husband

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