now wife I think
I will be home the
1 of may if I live an
keep my helth
Dear wife now keep
in good spirits dont
git the bloos the war
will sone beeove
them we will live
the balance of our tars
in peas an quitute
if we ~~live~~ never
meat on irth A gain
lets us meat in heven
whare thare is no more
parting or trabel
my dear trust in the
lord an keep in good
spirits good by my
dear wife an children
remember me in yor
pars from yor boshen
to his wife John McLean

Camp ½ mile of
Murfreesbrow
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Dear wife I take my pen
in hand to let yo no that
I am well at present hopin
yo ar all well at present
I rote yo A few lines
this morning by Mr Cahe
we ar going on A scout
to morrow morning I thol
I wood rite yo A few lines
we ar going on A 3 days
scout I expect we will
find som rebels an we
ma find A good meny
of them tho when tha
hear of the 84 tha will
seckadel wife when
we clean out the rebels
from hear I will be
home that wont be
long

Jimey how did yo like yor + I fel A good dead bet this earning
Sord yo never sed A wird A bout it yeit

Murfrees Coro tene

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My Dear wife an Children

I take this present oppertuni of rite yo A few lines to let yo no that I am gitinge A good deal beter I have bin sick for A week I was taken sick one week A go yeisterday I comenst giting beter on saturday yeisterday I was abel to walk A round som, an to day I feel A greadel beter the doctor ses I will git A long now I am very thankfu that I got A long as well as I did an was no wirs than ~~what~~ was tho I was prity sick for A few days I never wanted to be home wirs in my life I wes ver home sick an I that I was gon up the spout after laying on the ground for 3 or 4 days the ground comenst giting very hard the ground is all the beds we have hear I wood role over an over than wish I was home if I cood have Just had the privlige of lying on yor carpet how much beter it wood have bin the armey is A very poor place for A sick man if A solger ever ought to be thankful for eny one thing he ought to be thankful for good helth I am proud an very thank that I have had such good helth sence I have bin in the sirvis I never had beter helth in all my life than I

I have [illegible] more home to [illegible] an this is all the [illegible] I [illegible]

Yo se that this is A large [illegible] beter John McCall

I want yo to tell me hoo rites yor leters non
when yo have A leter riten ~~the~~ let the one
that rites it sine ther name sose that I can tell
ho dos the most of yor riting tell me whethe
yo have eney body living with yo or not
or have had eney body staying with yo an if s
ho yo have ~~bin~~ had living with yo
I want to no all the noes all A bout yor
bisnes we have Just herd good ~~war~~ noes
the Solgers ar all in fine sperits this eavnng
thinking that the was will son heover
I dont no of nothing els to rite of importene
I want yo to tell kirk that I want
half of the housmoving tols back whe
I com home tell him that I will
be thore to help him move houses this
foll tell him to git all he can do
for I will be om hons
yo at to se warens hed it is all most white
as his fathers he is well
I have had the bloos for severel days
tho to day I feel in beter sperits than I have
for severel days how dos old man case
like the reselutions Co A sent him
I am out of postage stamps plese sent me
som rite son as yo git this good by my
dear remember me in yor prars if it is the
lords will that we never shod meat A gain on
irth letses met in heven for loving husbend

I was very glad to hear of yo doing such A high weeks wirk