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My dear Wife

Promptly put into bed this  
 a little this morning, sent out of humor  
 and as you seem to say but much better  
 "spitting". I can't account for the wonderful  
 of getting Mails come in almost daily, &  
 watch eagerly for the carrier as he rides up  
 with his bag upon my packbox after another  
 but am always doomed to disappointment  
 you has also been equally as unfortunate  
 Make Annie write when you can spare  
 the time lets her think daily of nothing else  
 should prompt her to write me. But  
 she was-borne at not having from you  
 my own dear child. Just today Thomas with  
 Capt Hopkins of My regt had just returned  
 from Harris of course they picked something  
 Chartered over to his camp and was told  
 the same old story no letters the Capt said  
 he had seen Ben a day or two before leaving  
 and that all was well. Try and keep up  
 your spirits my own dear child see this  
 for Ben's sake should be so happy to see

now I do think that you were misinformed  
There seems to be almost perfect quiet along  
the line this morning. Yesterday the rebels raised  
a white flag and all supposed that  
it was an indication of surrender. We  
all crowded on the rails to watch  
the course of affairs. It turned out to  
merely a flag of truce sent by the rebels  
for the purpose of passing three English  
subjects through the line via men and  
one woman. The report given was that  
the woman was about having a baby.  
and was anxious to have the Union Gen  
Grant send them back with remark that  
Beck's crew was quite large enough for  
one woman to have a baby in.  
Last night being a quiet a number of  
deaths they all have the same tale of scarcity  
of food &c. We still continue to dig away  
at our life pits and before many days are  
past we will be in such a position that  
we can force them to surrender food or no  
food. The days are quite warm but the  
nights are so cool that blankets are in  
question I don't suppose myself much with  
the sun or night air. My and take a  
walk out a day for health or pleasure  
since my horse very much likes to

You have not delayed in sending them  
down nothing new than transpired this  
morning. Write often my dear dear  
child. May the children love & love  
Mother & Me. Remember me  
to the Ancestors

Very yours

Thomas