

Thoroughfare November 11, 1862

My dear but absent wife it is with much pleasure that i take this Opertuneity to let you know that i am Well and hoping that these few Lines will find you the same My dear i would [have] wrote to you Before but i have been sick in the Hospital two weeks but i am Getting tough again and i have Ben driving my team a week and I think i shall be all right again my dear i think i shall get seven Dollars a month extry and i will Let you know when i get my First months pay and i think we Will get it before long but i dont Know when tell abe he must Be a good boy and mind his ma And take good care of the children And my dear i want you To write where you live And write what the folks are Doing out there and whether George is gon or not and write Whether they are drafting there Or not my dear i Se thirty one Rebils taken at ganesville last Night the were all cavelry men And they looked hard they were Almost naked my dear we have Had a fight yesterday and Our men licked the rebils like The devil and our division is Stationed at thoroughfare gap On the railroad and my Dear i dont think we will Be in any fight this winter But i dont know but i Think the war will be settled Before long and my Dear i hope it will be for i Want to come home and Se you and the children My dear i want you to Write often for i want to hear From you evry week if not oftener And my dear write evry week whether I write or not and i will Write as often as i can My dear i Cant think of any thing more To write at preasent so i Bring my letter to a close By biding you good by for The preasent

Direct as before

Please write soon

From your husband

Mr Frank Paterson

To my wife

Mrs Helen M Paterson

Give my best respects to All and write soon Without fail good by my dear