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May 5th 1865

Dear Pet,

After a hard ride of nearly two weeks we find our selves just where we started from and are now resting preparatory to our journey homeward. We expect to leave soon for Washington as Uncle Sam has no use for us here any longer. Just how soon we will be discharged I can not say but probably by the first of June if not before. We started after Johnston and were within fifteen miles of Danville when we were officially notified of his surrender and had to retrace our steps. I received too dear good letters from you yesterday for which I can

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not thank you enough When I
come home I will try to do
what one and all I can do to make you
happy. I now feel that the time
for which we are to be separated
is nearly over and that I am
perfectly safe so far as fighting
is concerned. I would not have
missed the campaigning which is
just closed for anything in the
world. I will tell you all about
it when I come home. I am
writing this with about a half a
dozen all around me Talking
so that if it is not very connected
you will not think me crazy, but
it is no use for me to try to write
here now so I will try it after
night or tomorrow I do not expect
to write you many more from Va
Give my love to all at home

Your loving husband

Steve

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