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Dear Pet,

After a hard ride of nearly two weeks we find ourselves 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 cannot 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 recieved (sic) two dear good letters from you yesterday for which I can not thank you enough. When I come home I will try to do what and all I can 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 campaing (sic) which is just closed for anything in the world. I will tell you all about it when I come home. I am writing this whith (sic) 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 <u>many</u> more from <u>Va.</u> Give my love to all at home.

Your loving husband,
Steve