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Dear Brother

I received your letter
and was very glad to hear
from you I am well at Present
and I hope these few lines
will find you enjoying the
same great Blessing. The weath^{er}
is fine we were out Playing
Ball to day and had a Bul
by time we were Playing Fin
the fore noon and after, also
in the fore noon my side
beat the other bad but this
after noon we got worsted, a
we played till 3 then I come
in and went to Washing
which I knock through double
quick and I dont feel none
the worse for it last week

Bill Hurst was here with Judge Pettis, also something else of importance last week we all got scales for to wear on the shoulders all brass of course last Friday there was an accident happened just below here at the long Bridge the draw was opened for a steamer when the cars were coming under headway the Capt of the Corn stationed at the Bridge went up the road and told them the draw was open so down went the Brakes but it was a down hill grade and in spite of all they could do the Bull went in the river together with four Passenger Cars the ingenueer got Killed and one Soldier Ten more got wounded, one of our Boys.

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Just now got hurt By falling,
 while jumping off of the swing,
 he slipped and fell striking on his
 neck and shoulders me & Bill Glover
 carried him in his tent and since
 they have taken him to the hospital
 you say that the weather changed so
 Friday & Saturday that the all off,
 so by that dunnus did not have
 very good luck seeing Robb's
 I am glad to hear that Billy
 gets along so well with his
 job and I am glad to hear
 that you stick to your trade
 so long I hope you will tickheren
 Nick ramskin it seems dont
 forget his long finger tricks
 I should think after being caught
 by dunnus he would of quit stealing
 how does Grammy get along by this
 time I hope well how is bills
 children getting along how am I.

I dont know when we will get
Paid we might to Morrow make
not till next month some are
in a hurry to get, as for me
I dont care, as the little French
man said, so I must close
hoping to hear from you soon
or sooner, From Willard A. Cutler

175th I got weighed
yesterday
but not
from you