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My dear Sister

I received your most welcome letter a day or two since, and was truly glad to hear from you all, but it is with feelings that I know not how to describe to you ^{that I try to answer it} the battle at Pittsburg Landing will no doubt cause us all to have sad hearts. The regiment Jimmy was in, was in front of the battle, and they were cut all to pieces. I expect to hear every day that Jimmy is killed but I am thankful that I never encouraged him to go, for I wish this day that the Southern confederacy was beneath the Ocean. There are several leaving this place to bring their dead children home it is awful to think of. Spencer is at Richmond and I fear will share the same fate, they say here that the federals are badly whipped but I do not know how true it is.