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Tulari Tenn June 12th

Dear Father

I received your letter some days ago and this is the first opportunity that I have had to answer it - we are on Picket every other day and are gone from camp from six in the morning till 12 O'clock the next day then we have till six the next morning to rest ourselves before going out again the duty when away from camp is very easy but a little dangerous the Bush whackers sometimes fire on the man that is on post although I have never been fired on yet but do not know when I will be

The Gensivillas are about cleaned
out in this part of the country
but they can not be wholly extermin-
ated because they only go in bands
of two or three and can slip down
the mountain side in the thick
woods and fire on the Pickets
and the next day they can not be
found. Capt. Mitchell took a
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and had two fights with them
I did not go but my horse did
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and the Orderly took my horse
but was a very hard march and
most of the horses played out mine
stood it all the way through and
did not lose much flesh he is
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horses out in Picket with us and get
plenty of feed for them if we see

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this morning he is very proud and
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here and will send you some Magnolia
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