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James Broderick Safford

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I wrote to you the particulars

You must try and see him  
as I am well acquainted with  
him and he can tell you all  
the news. I dont know when  
he will leave as his son is very  
sick yet. You can find out  
when he arrives -

Alex Smith came very near  
dying day before yesterday morning  
he lay for three hours insensible  
and looked like death he did not  
move a muscle and his eyes were  
glassy just like death notwithstanding  
but the untiring skill of our  
surgeon Saml Lewis he stayed  
with him all the time. We all  
think every thing in the world  
of him and would not part  
with him for any thing.

He has had the entire charge  
of the Regt ever since we have  
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been detailed away every since  
we have been here. And our  
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lost a man by Disease since  
we have been in Tennessee while  
the 9th Ind Corpd along side  
of us have lost 30 or 40 by  
Disease since we have been here  
and we never have less than  
35 go to the Dr every morning  
at Sick Call we have but five  
men in the Hospital <sup>out of our Co</sup> and three of  
those were wounded at Gallatin  
We give all the credit to Dr Lewis

He has promised me to have  
George detailed as his clerk and  
assistant he wanted me, but I  
wanted George to have a better  
place so he has decided to take  
George.

I had nothing spoiled in the  
Box but the Newspapers by the  
breaking of the Cordial



I understand that D. G. Brumham  
was coming down here next week.

He was Mustered for Pay on the  
30th of June and will probably  
get paid about the 10th of the  
month we will get 16  $\frac{1}{2}$  per  
month the price the 1<sup>st</sup> of May  
before we <sup>was</sup> paid up to the 1<sup>st</sup> of May  
and now we will get pay  
to the 1<sup>st</sup> of July — Capt. Parich  
George is 25  $\frac{1}{2}$  at Bowling Green and  
this pay day he will pay him the  
Balance he told me so we may  
send the note with the amount  
of Interest in your next letter  
and I will give it to him.

I received Helens letter this  
week and will answer in  
a short time.

Monday is the 4<sup>th</sup> how will  
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will be with us as every other  
day I well remember last ~~of~~ the  
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year would bring forth but  
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and we must not murmur

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Pulaski Tenn  
July 2<sup>nd</sup> /64

Dear Father

Yours of the 28<sup>th</sup> mailed on the 31<sup>st</sup>  
came to hand to day at 13 hr.

I have been looking for a letter  
from you for some days.

We have been having some very  
dry and hot weather for the last  
three weeks but this afternoon  
it commenced raining the first  
for twenty days it rained very  
hard all the afternoon and tonight  
it is cool and pleasant, the first  
cool night we have had for some  
time I Expect to sleep well  
tonight. David Ryker from  
Canaan is here he came down  
to see his son who was wounded  
in this company on the 14<sup>th</sup>

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and we must not [[mourn?]]

[[note: written on top of Page 1]]

I suppose you will have a Demonstration  
of some kind you must write me  
all about it as a letter from home  
is as good for a soldier as medicine  
would be if he were sick I get  
the papers regularly and think every

[[written vertically]]

thing in the world of this curious I must close good night J.B. Safford