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Dear Father,

Your (cautiously looked for) letter came to hand to day. I was fearful that you would be very sick. Frank Marston received a letter from home Monday and his Father wrote to him that you were very sick which alarmed me very much as the last I heard from you was on Saturday but I find from your letter that you have been very sick and that you are better now.

We had a considerable of a scare here Saturday morning last. It was reported that Forrest was marching on us. We were ordered out in line of Battle at 3 a.m. and remained so until 10 a.m.
fell back to camp on one even.

kept in readiness all day and
the Pickets were strongly reinforced
but no enemy appeared.

Since that time we got up
very early at 3:30 a.m.
and drill until 6:30 a.m.
as it is too awful hot to drill
in day time this is the first
Drilling we have done since
We left Columbus Ind. Ind. and
I cannot say to send
me some thing to purify my
Blood the doctor chance you
get I have not been free
from Eruptions in My Body
since I left Nashville. Doc Lewis
has nothing that will do me any
good so I will come back on
You if anything to cure once.
I write to you at least twice
a week and yet you complain
that you dont get any letters.

Georgia is well and gets along
Finally he lost his Money
Again day before yesterday
I tried to get him to let me
have it and now he could take
care of it but he is so careless
that he lives very string
Must he lost he says 274
more money than I had in
my pocket any one time since
I was paid off—

Sgt Jasper Runlapp left
here for Madison on Monday
I am well acquainted with
him Call and see him he
can give you a good
deal of news—
I will close now
here to all军事 often
Your aff Psw
J 13 Safford
Pulaski Tenn
July 21st/64

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J B Safford