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Polaski Grove

July 21st/64

Dear Father

Your (anxiously looked for) letter came to hand to day I was fearful that you would be very sick. Frank Merrill received a letter from home Monday and his Father wrote him that you was 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 Frost 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 we were

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

Since that time we get up
every morning 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 Indiana.

I want you to send
me something to purify my
Blood the next chance you
get I have not been free
from Eruptions on my Body
since I left Nashville Dr Lewis
has nothing that will do me any
good so I will come back on
you for something to cure me.
I write to you at least twice
a week and yet you complain
that you don't get any letters

Georgia is well and gets along
finely he lost his money

again day before yesterday
I tried to get him to let me
have it but no he could take
care of it but he is so careless
that he loses every thing
must be lost he says 27¢
more money than I had in
my possession any one time since
I was paid off -

Lieut Jasper Durlapp 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
love to all write often

Your aff Dear
J B Safford

[JAMES BRODERICK SAFFORD CORRESPONDENCE – JAN 1864 – AUG 1865 #14]

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