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## 1865-01-29, James B. to James M.

James Broderick Safford

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4<sup>th</sup> Iowa <sup>1<sup>st</sup></sup> Brig 7<sup>th</sup> Cav Div  
In the field. 12 am  
Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 1864

Dear Father

I received a letter from  
you yesterday. He had a big fight  
yesterday I suppose you will read  
a full account of it before this reaches  
you. He drove the Rebels over two miles  
capturing about 2000 horses and  
taking 12 guns and captured their  
works fought all day. This morning  
we commenced again and fought  
hard until now. I am at Brig  
4<sup>th</sup> Iowa with Genl Hammon  
our Regt is in the Brigade we  
are mounted and are doing  
good work. I am not relieved  
from Court Martial yet but we  
adjourn until after the Battle  
Col Pace is in command of a  
Brigade in our Division. When  
the fight is over I will return to  
the City again. I could not stay

then when the Big fight was to  
come off our command is  
not engaged just now so I  
thought I would write you a  
few lines. I have escaped again  
I now heard of much harder  
fighting than was done yesterday  
and this morning. Our Boys are  
all right so far. seem hard  
and poor writing - I am  
all well again -

Love off our

J. B. Saffert  
Co H 10<sup>th</sup> Inf Cav  
10<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Cav Div  
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[[St Qrs?]] 1<sup>st</sup> Brig 7<sup>th</sup> Cav Div  
In the field. 12 [[one word]]  
Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 1864

Dear Father

I recieved a letter from you yesterday. We had a big fight yesterday I suppose you will read a full account of it before this reaches you. We drove the Rebels out two mile capturing about two thousand and taking 12 [[one word]] we captured their Works fought all day this morning we commanded again and fought hard until now. I am at Brig [[St Qrs?]] with Gnrl Hammond out Rgt is in the Brigade we are mounted and are doing good work. I can not [[rebuild?]] from court martial yet, but we [[adjom---]] until after the Battle Col pace is in command of a Brigade in our division. When the fight is over I will return to the city – again. I could not stay

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come off our command is  
not Engaged just now so I  
thought I would write you a  
few lines. I have Escaped again  
I never heard of much harder  
fighting than was done yesterday  
and this morning. Our Boys are  
all right so far. Excuse haste  
and [[one word]] writing – I am  
all well again –

Your Off son

J. B. Safford

Co. H. 10<sup>th</sup> Ind Cav

1<sup>st</sup> Brig 7<sup>th</sup> Cav Div

Nashville