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have when in a good comb. Well I much Confiss that since the 15th I have sun enough men han dem who ever heard of such advances and such victories as in this company in but our men do not frankle but day they are patisful as long as they can whit the sonny they way me have done but I suppose you read it all in the Papers the home not had a Paper or a letter since The left Starbuille I would like to hear from you very much while we are on this Raid I will with when me got stopped long mough you med not be alarmed about one as I thriss I am safe from Rebel Bullet as they have Come in a hair Breadth of me and I have not have Acratched got Thave not heard fine Levy yet han you this me soon I am the only on of do " He have as all to rest are dismouliell and lift books between Columbia and Sushible Hett Robinson and al. Elvin and book safe - Ed Brankan left Hind wich our Friends at Indonte. as he passed though that they over treated tolerable well but men Thepsed of chock and every they valuable I am still acting Adjulant of the Right and the Capt of Git is Commanding col Graham May Swallow may Hernolt min all sounded and col Jace tomande the 2 reform of our Devision - Our Brigade in Commanded by Bring Gul Hammon a Brawn and good officer and one that Ilike and for also like site and

he will do some thing for and that will surpro to much now and I have written Chance to with that gen will have hard north to read this I am afraid - White for Low to all any Friends and tell them I am Through paper Your gff Som Jams 18 Saffred G N 10 Day Car Harhville Jan

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Camp 10th Ind Vol Cavalry On Sugar Creek 25 miles from Pulaski Dec 17th 1864

My Dear Father

The last time I wrote you was from camp near Columbia Tenn on the 23rd at 3 A.M. we moved forward crossed Duck River persued the Enemy until dark – on the 24th We (our Brigade) was on the Right flank and pushed the Enemy to three miles south of Lynnville and ten miles from Pulaski – On the 25th Christmas day we moved out in the Pike and charged the Enemy through Pulaski capturing several we Entered Pulaski at 10 A.M. after crossing the creek there our Regt was deployed as skirmishes and we drove the Enemys skirmishes over a Range of hills for six miles it was very hard fighting as the ground was covered with Brush I escaped very [[nambly?]] several times. Limbs were cut off in two or three inches of my Head three or four times and one make [[wor-ted]] by my side and one Horse on my left was killed I thought the next would be mine but it did not come – We camped that night six miles from Pulaski having fought for every inch of the Way from Pulaski to camp – I saw a good may of my old acquaintances in Pulaski who were very glad to see us again. Pulaski looked very dirty and bad having been filled with Rebels since we left – You know when I was small

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I used to celebrate Christmas by firing guns. Pistols to well on this Christmas we done the same thing but on a mon[[?]] Exterism[[?]] scale shooting Rebels and charging their Works. I could not help when on the Battlefield that day to think of the difference between my situation to day and last year but I could not grumble – On the next day the 26th We started again on the march at 3 A.M. caught up with – the Enemy drove them for 7 or 8 miles our Brigade was to the advance at 12 we were in between two hills that were full on Both sides they poured a volley into us before we were aware that they were near us for a moment our Brigade was thrown in to confusion but soon rallied and ricieved the second volley like old troops charged them and took several Prisoners also took possessions of their Works as the first time my stirrup strap was cut into by a Ball I thought that was very close but the next volley killed my Horse I thought that still clear and got up and left there -We went into camp after driving them from their position and are going to rest today and wait for Rations to come up the last meal I eat was on Sunday morning and it is now Tuesday noon it is not uncommon to go 24 Hours with out food and 48 without a cup[[?]] we are getting used to it and can lay and sleep in the rain as well as I used to at home – it has rained for the last three days and we have no tents but I am as hearty as I could be had I every thing as we

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have when in a good camp – Well I must confess that since the 15th I have seen enough fighting to do [[one word]] you have no idea what our men have done who ever heard of such advances and such victories as in this campaign but our men do not grumble but say they are satisfied as long as they can whip the Enemy this way we have done – but I suppose you read it all in the Papers We have not had a Paper or a letter since We left Nashville I would like to hear from you very much while we are on the Raid I will write when we get stopped long enough you need not be alarmed about me as I think I am safe from Rebel Bullets as they have come in a hair breath of me and I have not been scratched yet – I have not heard from George yet have you Write me soon – I am the only one of Co "H" here as all the rest are dismounted and left back between Columbia and Nashville Will Robinson and Al Elvin are back safe – Ed Branham left word with our friends at Pulaski as he parsed[[?]] through that they were treated tolerable well but were stripped of clothes and every thing valuable -- I am still acting Adjutant of the Regt and the Capt of Co A is commanding Col Graham Maj Swallow Maj Hemolt[[?]] were all wounded and Col Pace commands the 2nd Brig of our Division – Our Brigade is commanded by Brig Gnrl Hammon a Brave and good officer and one that I like and he also likes me and

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he will do something for me that will surprise me some [[one word]] danger but I have written to much now and I have such a poor chance to write that you will have hard work to read this I am afraid – write soon Love to all my friends and tell them I am through safe

Your Off son James B. Safford Co. H. 10th Ind Cav 1st Brig 7th Cav Div Nashville