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

James Broderick Safford

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

Dear Father

I reciev'd 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 we captured their  
works fought all day. This morning  
we commenced again and fought  
hard until now. I am at Brig  
4<sup>th</sup> Div with Genl Harmon  
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 this 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 happy  
and now writing - I am  
all well again -

Love off from

J. B. Saffert  
Co H 10<sup>th</sup> Ind Cav  
1<sup>st</sup> Div 7<sup>th</sup> Corps Div  
Fushville

Love

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[[embossing print of an eagle on a branch]]

[[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

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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