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Dec 16th, 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 one and a mile Capturing about 4,000 prisoners and taking 1,200 and 1,500 he captured this night. I fought all day. This morning our senior regiment and fought hand until now. I am at Big Orone with Capt. Harmon our right is in the Brigade and are in front and are doing good work. I am not with Capt. Harmon's Command. He is still with the 40th Col. Ogle is in command of a Brigade in our Division. When the fight is over I will return to the field 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 the morrow. Our boys are all right so far. will have to answer your writing I am all well again.

Out of your
J. B. Jefford
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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
there 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 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

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