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(Dear Brothers and Sisters)

Feeling it to be my duty to let you hear from I and Tom having no good opportunity to do so which appears very celdom to me as you know in what condition things are. I hope that you will not think hard of me for not writing oftener to you all I am happy to to say that I am in fine health and also in fine spirits. Brother Tom has not recovered from his wound received at the battle of Murfreesborrow he has been exchanged and is near Petersburg Va at a good hospittle. I hope he will be with me again soon to join me in writing to you which is great pleasure to us when an opportunity of sending a letter with safety presents itself. Nute I have been so fortunate as to get through another desperate and hard faugh battle near this place in which there was a many a soldier bit the dust which we are all determined to do or have justice and right given to us. Our captain John Sturdivant was killed on the field he was the only one of the company killed. There was nine wounded none of them you know. We have been consollendated several times and now have the Younger boys Jim and Arins in the company with us They are both well. We are now lying in two miles of the yanks and would not be suprised at any time at another battle hear. Nute it is so seldom that I write I feel at a looss what to write it all leads me at a perfect anxiety to see all of you and to be at home again with you all you have no ideah what thoughts and what happiness it would be to me to land at home though I would find it deprived of many yes many comforts of life that it had when I left it last. Yet if we could have peace I can make our (illegible) a great deal less than I used to experience is the best lesson in the world but this is the hardest place to go learn it I ever came across if I can get through the war safe I will concidder myself a thorough graduate in the hardships of this world. Nute I did not know what soldering was when I saw you last Nute I am now in need and I shall call on you and Joel for

some winter clothing if you can send it to me I want you to do so and I will straighten it with you the first opportunity if one ever presents itself I want a pair of No 8 heavy soled Boots pair of pants socks and so on Send what you can and oblige

yours

you all have my warmest love as Brothers and Sisters I know that I have your best wishes and prears to hover over me in this great struggle give my love to all the family So good bye

Charles A. Yancy

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Gen Smiths Brigade

Gen Cheathams Division