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Peter Studabaker  
Co B. 10/51 Regiment  
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from a writing to take the little son to town  
 for me from the little son and the little son  
 out on the little son's little son's little son's

Peter wrote all that I could on that other piece of paper  
 and that I could write a little more on this front this out  
 of Joseph's copy book I let the men have all the paper  
 I had yesterday and I had no bodies to send over to town  
 this morning so I will use this you said I must write  
 so that my letter would go out in Monday's morning  
 and then you would get it Saturday or Sunday so  
 I thought I would try and see if this little piece of paper  
 would do the business  
 I do you by this day a week and remind you of me  
 at home and tell that we are all well Peter you say  
 you would have me court Marschall you will think  
 I mean to hear of me being arrested but that would not be  
 strange there - Lincoln times the dear only nois what  
 kind of laws that will be get during his reign  
 Peter I do not like to do more than to write till  
 time comes around and puts a stop to this noise  
 I just to hope that there would be some thing soon  
 but I have give it up and will not going to bother as  
 long as you are well I suppose I will have to let you stay  
 there as for brother I am I hope he can get to come  
 home some time Peter you asked me to send you the name  
 of January & mine will be to use before I made it

Peter you brother & George has not come yet for those  
 notes Peter I wish he would come and get his money  
 if he wants it fore John Studabaker has collect  
 all them sail rats I guess and he has the use  
 of the money and that dont <sup>down</sup> pay good abbe paid  
 that Grosbey was the sail money that John had collect  
 that was 90\$ I herd Mr. Macfaden say he that  
 would get that money that Grosbey was  
 would report him to the Government Peter  
 you will think I bother my self about you  
 Peter I never did bother my self about  
 a fair send I would not now if you  
 hear but Peter I think a woman or to now  
 husband a pair a little I dont <sup>mean</sup> to be boss  
 I hope you will get to come home some time this  
 you say you think you will have to stay that  
 it turns and you think it will be sickley cause  
 it being hotter the other days that it was  
 said that this same I was a paid it would  
 be sickley fore those had bin so many howed  
 killed that and a mutch hammer blood throu the ground

I think that is what they used that Peter  
 I dont know if he would report him to the Government Peter  
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John Studabaker  
 wife  
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 wife

Peter did them got up  
 at night with some good food for you and letter with A

Dear Husband Tell George & all the rest  
 it is with pleasure that I try to write you  
 a letter in answer to the letters that I received from you  
 since the past and tell me that we are all well and hope this  
 may find you well and in joying your day as well as a  
 soldier can in a campe life now I will give you the dates of  
 my letters that you sent me Febry 26 March 1 March 2 and 6 &  
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 how money Peter that letter of yours called to gather there was  
 a grate money he can be thinks every thing sold well he will send  
 you a bill of the sail in a few days I told him you wanted  
 we send you a bill of sail I had intended to send it to you any how  
 if you had not wrote to me to do so for I that it would be a Justice  
 to you to now how things sold and what we sold I received papers  
 yesterday I forgot them when I told you of the letter Peter and  
 that letter came yesterday four horse were full of men your  
 there were a grate many of your old friends and acquaintances  
 that I now that you would of like to of some great money  
 asked me about you when I had from you last Tim and  
 and Jim they were hear they seemed very glad to see what  
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 and him - it they were hear they seemed very glad to see each other  
 they said they wished Cape were hear Timm said he liked  
 Cape so good as his brother Peter I were sorry to hear of  
 but with his paper was a looking good here here I did not  
 have much hope of poor Willey Luis when I herd he were  
 low low Peter I off in think of the time when I were at  
 when you left Mex there some cried after you and I could not get  
 and a pence chief at the paper

Peter did Thom and  
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 and a pence chief at the paper



husk I never worse so glad to see any bodie in ones life as I was  
him he took her and then she hushed hui crying and he got me a small  
glass I have it yet I always that if I ever saw him again I would kiss  
him how much I thanked him for the mch favours but such is  
the sorrows and disapointments of this world we have a great many  
sorrows and disapointments to be tryed with heart and the hole  
we bare them hear I think the better It will be hear after for us  
in a world to come Peter I had ~~the~~ and the Grimes all nite last nite  
and when he went away he bid me Good by he said I had his simjal base  
in my grieving for the one that wore the cent Peter it comes very close  
when ~~one~~ one speaks to me of you being gone and of me grieving Peter I  
dont allow my self to think of you coming I dont allow my self to  
look for any thing more than a letter and when I get a letter  
I sit down and read it I read every word of it and look it over to  
see if there is a word any place that I have not found Peter I now that there  
is now a chance of you getting away one being you sick and I dont want you  
to get sick for you are sick for a long time that a spulley of we would go hard  
with you you speak of staying and I dont have a friend of you  
to bring a heavy cold and then turning to the lungs fear that would  
be a disease that you could not get away and Peter I could not get to see  
you for they are not our women to go to Nashvill on any <sup>circum</sup>  
at all Peter you wanted me to write and tell you what I thought of  
letting David have half of our hoes Peter I did write to <sup>you</sup> in <sup>other</sup> other  
letters what I thought about renting our hoes to David if he were  
to get married I would let him have some of our hoes to live in  
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<sup>and he would have company I am willing for your plan in every</sup>  
<sup>that is married cant get to live together</sup>  
they only forges both to cook on one stove I would not like  
to see that if David helps me to see to some thing that  
will be a sup for his both Peter he is very good to me I  
think David will do every thing for us he can turn thinks  
he every thing she wants him to make that every time he  
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and where he went away, in that he said I had his complaint  
 in my grieving for the one that was other than Peter it comes very late  
 when some one speaks to me of you being gone and of my grieving for it  
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 to get sick for you are so free they that a spell of fever would go hand  
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 comes he often nurses her to sleep at nite Peter when you wrote to be  
 about selling our things you did not say any thing for him to do he  
 don't match as he for all they both seemed to want to do every thing as  
 you wish it to be done Peter I think this is about full but you Peter I  
 have bin wondering if you will be home when this bill will be due but  
 Peter I am a fraid of a when that time comes there will be still plenty of  
 uncol. James 1792 to do my case to see our Sarah Stubbaker



March 4/63



Mrs Sarah Studabaker

Bluffton

Wills County

Indiana





Newfreedom Tenn March 31 1863

Belonds wife. I am to day in camp well and ready  
and enjoying the best of health good appetite and  
Duty to eat and Pleasant weather a little windy  
last few days and frosty mornings but it is a  
Pleasant time for camp life and we enjoy it as  
well as any soldiers do Our minds run to much  
on the loved ones we left behind us to make every  
thing pass off Pleasant. This has been a fine day among  
the soldiers of the 5th Division we was out in Review  
by Major General Rosecrans Major General Thomas and  
Major General Sigel. Major General McCook  
and a host of Brigadiers, Colonels & Colonels and  
Majors. It was a fine day and everything passed  
off Pleasant and the Boys went at their Best and  
done their Best in Marching I was proud of my  
Company it looked fine Boys had on their fine  
accoutrements Knapsacks Haversacks canteen and  
every one had their clothing brushed and their shoes  
Black as Opium and they lookt fine I only left  
two sick in quarters and two sick in Hospital and  
the 4th Mounted Regt. The rest were either on duty or  
out in Review Rosecrans and his Staff and Abner Gen.  
Cade in front of us and looked at us all and then  
sent us back in Column first time. I wish he seems  
like a father to us. he has a pleasant smile for all  
and the Boys think he is nothing more than a common  
man none of your stuck up Dandies I think him  
a very common man as he passed us he asked  
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<sup>M. M. Sully, L. D. Stone, (wounded)</sup> <sup>J. R. M. (wounded)</sup> <sup>W. Smith</sup>  
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has great Confidence in him and I wish I think  
that we need not fear for our General knows his  
Business and attends to it he must be strict in  
a great many things for he has a large family to  
see to and to look after we have 30 days Rations on  
hand here now

Dear Sarah I must try and answer your letter I received yesterday I looked for it a long time but it came at last I read it last night over twice and then I thought how glad I was that my wife and little family Haraway were enjoying the best of health. You wrote yours the 20, & 22. I got it was 8 days on the road from the day you wrote it and 6 days from the day it was mailed. how so it that letters lay two days at Bluffton after being written & sent then a week after mail leaves on Mondays. Mother Capt Kame says I am to well to get home Sarah I am hearty and I don't think there is any sickness enough about me to complain sickness & get home for I think it might come in reality. although I could do anything in the world that is possible to get home and see my family Sarah I do want to get home again for to see you all but so long as I enjoy such good health and Passes are not granted I must not complain but do my duty and look forward to the time that I can say I am free again I want this war to end then and then I will be twice happy first that I and loved to come home (if life is spared) and that our country is at Peace again with all n. Soldier life is a kind of exciting Roving and Indolent life it is not quite my fancy it is very confining but we are getting used to it and don't mind it. Time Passes away very fast. We speak of writing a good many letters to me Sarah & suppose I complain too much but I look for a letter often and they do not come. any way I will not complain write as often as you can and all will be satisfactory and I will try and write as often as I can. I got your letter with the 1/2 of currency and the one with the money too it came the 1st of June in mine was about 1000000 out at 1-1/2...

Ull after mail leaves on Monday, Mother (Capt Karno) glass  
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tell where they went untill I thought of sending as  
in to you I write you that I was sober. I forget them. You  
was that you wiped them letters from the shape of them I can  
I suppose Pete thinks that his firm will soon be home atten  
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Well, ~~letting~~ you must take good care of him when  
he comes. Could not you write about his lives to me  
D. James I is well and would like to hear from you  
again. Sarah you say her mind is not on her work  
Well she must not go dreaming him, and you say  
your mind is on about ones now loved me so do not  
give for me but keep in good spirits and take good  
care of yourself and Babie and I will try and do the  
same. Sarah you say that if I do stay untill the 3  
years are up and the war is not ended I will still  
have to stay Sarah at the end of 3 years I am free  
again to do as I please. but am subject to any Draft  
or Conscript that may be made to call out the  
Military force again. 8 P.M. I am now again in my  
tent I have just returned from a visit to Major  
Genl Reynolds head quarters the Commissary  
Officers was invited there to take wine with him  
I went over and took a glass with him he took  
me by the hand and said here is the Captain  
of that Company of Dragoons Democrat that I  
saw at Wash. And Inquired if we was all  
right I said we was, he had a Pleasant Visit he  
is a Pleasant Man and I believe a good General any  
way he sees to the mens Comfort and has reports  
made about daily if anything is wanted  
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side Hill of Rocks, and near the spot that one of those  
little cedar Trees I sent you Grewed the one wanted  
with XX Grewed at the foot of my Bed. although  
I was in the open air I enjoyed that night rest about  
as well as any I ever did I was tired that night  
You may depend, you commence your letter again on  
Sunday afternoon again and wonder when I am I was  
attending the funeral of the Boys that fell in Battle we  
buried them close to our Camp in the Military Reserve

you speak of sitting in the front room and looking on  
and seeing the little boys a playing, how I would like  
to have the pleasure of that sight again and sit by your  
side and see them play. I would like to see little Anna &  
hear her rattling talk. You say would not write so much  
about her only I am away so long from her. Sarah & I  
always want to hear you mention all the Childrens  
Names. in your letters It does me good in some of  
your letters you forgot Jerry and I would wonder why dont  
she say something about him. Friend Charles I know  
thought strange of me going and so did a great  
many more but Sarah & I am far better contented here  
now than I would be in well county among the Party  
Politicians I would have to take side with some one  
and I think that things are now bound to pass that  
will show who are true grit. My Family was my  
all and I could not give up to leave them for a long  
time and would not if I thought it best and  
Sarah & I can tell you many things that made me  
dissatisfied about Bluffton If I ever get to see you  
again And If I am spared to return to you I hope  
you will always say Papa dont go for my sake I believe  
If you had said so before I would of stayed there It is hard  
to tell what one may do. I have passed through one  
hard fight Battle in a short time and think by having  
good health and trusting in him who sees to all things  
that I may return again to my family. You speak in  
regard to a letter from J. I wrote to him in regard to money  
that is coming to J. If he had not collected my note  
I he would let me have some. I did not get any and  
dont think I will now Sarah this sheet is full  
and I will close I send you my love last letter in  
this read it and then the 1<sup>st</sup>

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read it and then think I am not right in trying to  
down this Rebellion. Collect Reat James D. S. Poff for  
laughter House, Reat you garden Made. I will not word  
uncertain to come home. If I get out now Sarah my love to all  
don't forget the Boys, Jimmy, David, George and last my Anna  
I might mention believe me as ever your loving  
Pete. I will be to



May 7/63

John McHadden Esq  
Bluffton  
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Indiana

Monday Morning July 9 1863

Friend Mr T. Elyak

I am up and around I write  
yesterday you a long letter including for all my  
Old Friends, which I hope you have read and that  
my letter may give you a faint Idea of Scouting

I got your letter of Jay 27 and was glad to  
hear from you. It does me good to read letters  
from my Old friends I cannot write too all  
my Wife & family I must write to first and then  
of true parents to my old friends and acquaintances  
So many reports to make out and Marching and  
Drilling It keeps me very busy and about every  
3 or 4th day a Draying or Working on Entrenchments A Capt  
if he attends to his duties does not spend much idle  
time in the Army. Well I am glad to hear of you  
visiting my family for I know you would always  
find one there whom I am afraid is lonely and you  
being a good hand at jobs would cheer her up and  
then I write to her so you all can hear from me,

About money matters we care but little about here  
but we would like to see the Paymaster come around  
brother Scrip will buy anything here and the Boys gets  
It for about 1/4 per dollar - there is some scrip at around  
I dont know you a fine Bad all around us issues we  
get I have never had any, I see everything is high in the  
North I suppose money (Raps) is about as plenty as Money  
is in found in some of the hills country's flats I never got those  
papers. A paper when it gets hard if Old is new to us we get  
the Bureau every week, the 30th is nowhere, anytime you feel

like writing Just write and address to Co B 101 Reg  
Ind Tol and to the last Place you heard from us and  
It will follow us untill we stop. About the Office I hope  
all was done fair and right and having the utmost  
Confidence in You and Elijah I know It has been done  
so If I ever live to get home and either of you band  
do me any good I know you will for I have always  
thought you two of my warmest friends in Hell Co  
Elijah said he would send me a statement of my  
acct 1<sup>st</sup> July as yet I have not Received It I wrote  
to him about it sic And for the balance I hope to  
have It by the time you want It my Brother did  
not need his money and so now there is only balance  
on the Nelson Claim. In 6 days more I have 600  
I pay due me but I dont expect to get half of It I  
wrote to me that If I did not get my pay he would  
let me have the money to pay all up. and for the Comby  
Matter I hope he will settle It If was about on pay day  
when he gets his money I would get It for I would file a  
bill against his pay and he could not help himself  
for he owes that Amt to Government and he has to certify  
everytime he draws any money that he is not indebted to It  
before he gets a Cent. Now I must close you can  
send my letter <sup>to my M. family</sup> Or let them Read It If they think It worth  
reading I wrote In a good deal of a hurry and you will  
still see that my (C) is as hard to make as ever I will  
now close by saying Will Lewis has been very sick but is better  
some of the other Boys are Complaining but none bad Hoping  
you will attend to all the Wants of the Soldiers Milows &  
not let them suffer. I will say Good bye Write often Both of you  
Redd ~~them~~

I am sure you will get your letter today.  
So I am from you of course

W.D.  
Luffton Inds Nov 30 1863  
Lt. Barlow Sirsy

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To. One and all  
I would just say Capt. Pete is right side up with care  
of your health but do not freeze to death  
It is so cold as Greenland up here. It takes about  
two extra coats to keep me warm. I am just about  
tucked to death every body wants to know every  
thing and a little more too I still keep up yet  
but cannot tell how much longer I will hold out  
I have seen from the papers that you have been giving  
Boaz a little more grip and started him further  
south. I am looking for full particulars from you  
I think word must be plenty if all reports be  
true. Genl. Riley came here yesterday. Orduy Miller  
also. Thos. Williamson, Lewis study of 1861, and W.B. Miller  
off to see me and leave for the south in the morning  
I have attended several dinners since I came  
here for days. I give Kellogg everything looks  
prosperous, and for recruits as the boys said about  
some said they will go with me. Messler has  
one tight. I have not heard from the rest. Next Saturday  
we have one grand Rally and going to have a fine  
time. The Home Guards are going to have a grand  
Review. They are some on drill. about 100 ahead  
of Casey. all have arms and equipments and a  
full suit of Uncle Sam's clothing. W.S. Blue Orators  
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and Riley paid Nat. D a flying visit at the Jail. Nat  
knocked him the door, and told him to travel. Wallingham talk  
the cause says to doing very well now leave for the  
south in the morning. Political matters are very quiet  
here at present you hear but little talk about such  
matters. I have heard from. A.S. Oaks. James Cook John & Angus

Will Miller and I went all at Reclimond  
I know, Morgan Sims not heard of, A. H. H. H. H.  
and Will Drum and here tonight I am telling some  
my boys as usual, Sarah and the Babes are all  
well, Hog and Herring is pretty slim here  
no corn at all, about two good heaps makes a  
good shadow, Only a small portion of the  
country in this condition Potatoes are scarce  
as to apples, I am living High now but will  
be ready for the hard Jack and Saw Belly, I am  
not too and loose, There is no Bands or Musical  
music here to wake me up but for Roll call  
and some Band of Harmony Organ to testify and  
Gank Robinson is quite a Boy and so are the rest  
Sarah has just been up stairs and says this awful  
cold night and I think she knows for she is now  
piling up the Herring wood to make a nest and  
now Boys I have not heard from you for sometime  
and am looking anxiously for a letter so when I hear  
I will try and send it to your Father & Mother here  
to hear from you daily, Plenty of snow and cold weather  
here now, The ground is about as smooth as the bottom of  
Kerry Water or so rough beyond a doubt, David Angel  
is very cold, cannot live long, Bill Hartman should  
your Boys & Babes letters in my pocket, I saw the original  
sales your wife and Sarah's wife and mother, I have about  
seen all the friends of the Boys I have met with rather a serious  
accident, Sarah sent one of my shirts by mail and the Rest  
Eat one sleeve off my 44 shirt and I think I will have to  
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it one sleeve off my #4 shirt and I think I will have to  
go to Ben Cabell the one I have on is washed, Boy Backs played  
to Ground Each keeps me scratching, Respects will be  
and He don't forget all the Boys, this is a poor  
country for enjoyment at present, give the Old Tent  
and the Sew Belly, now don't forget David our Cook, I  
it, altho I have one of the fair sex for a Cook & Bedfellow ~~but they~~  
Retardation



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NEW HAMPSHIRE  
JUL 27 1863



Mrs Sarah H. Kinsley  
Bluffton  
N. H.  
Indy



April 24 1863 65th Ill.

NO. 40.

SPECIAL REQUISITION

Beloved wife I am to ~~write~~ with much haste, and my  
 myself well and full well we are on a ~~small~~ <sup>small</sup> party west of  
 Liberty and 2<sup>nd</sup> mile N of Memphis encamped on the Bank  
 of ~~the~~ <sup>(3)</sup> Three pairs Drawers at 1.00 ~~each~~ <sup>total \$3.00</sup> ~~each~~  
 and have one the Best of Springs in ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> water we are camped  
 on the camp ground that Morgan & Mullett had a long camped on  
 we left Camp on Monday 20. we are about 5 days have traveled  
 about 60 miles have pleasant times one night I had ~~very~~ <sup>very</sup> good  
 we have our own Tents along ~~with~~ <sup>with</sup> us. ~~we~~ <sup>we</sup> have not ~~much~~ <sup>much</sup>  
 to eat. we plenty of Hard ~~bread~~ <sup>bread</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> Coffee ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~nothing~~ <sup>nothing</sup>  
 else. It goes pretty well after a Hard ~~work~~ <sup>work</sup> we have ~~nothing~~ <sup>nothing</sup>  
 any to day been here all day I had the paper and I thought  
 would write to you when I return to Camp I will write

I certify that the above Requisition is correct; and that the articles specified are also-  
 lutely requisite for the public service, tendered so by the following circumstances:

giving a full account of this trip, I am sitting down on the  
~~side~~ <sup>side</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> a ~~small~~ <sup>small</sup> ~~tree~~ <sup>tree</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> a Barrel Stave. ~~Some~~ <sup>Some</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> the  
 & ~~birds~~ <sup>birds</sup> to day ~~at~~ <sup>at</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~side~~ <sup>side</sup> of ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~hill~~ <sup>hill</sup> ~~that~~ <sup>that</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~very~~ <sup>very</sup> ~~high~~ <sup>high</sup>  
 each they were about 3 in across and 1 inch thick ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~very~~ <sup>very</sup> ~~hard~~ <sup>hard</sup>  
 I should not go there ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~middle~~ <sup>middle</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~day~~ <sup>day</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~bring~~ <sup>bring</sup> ~~them~~ <sup>them</sup> ~~out~~ <sup>out</sup>  
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 articles specified in the above requisition. ~~My~~ <sup>My</sup> ~~Band~~ <sup>Band</sup> ~~off~~ <sup>off</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~for~~ <sup>for</sup> ~~provision~~ <sup>provision</sup>  
 about out of my ~~hand~~ <sup>hand</sup> ~~as~~ <sup>as</sup> ~~soon~~ <sup>soon</sup> ~~as~~ <sup>as</sup> ~~possible~~ <sup>possible</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~bring~~ <sup>bring</sup> ~~them~~ <sup>them</sup> ~~out~~ <sup>out</sup>  
 there I don't think they will stand as a fight we have ~~nothing~~ <sup>nothing</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~eat~~ <sup>eat</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~bring~~ <sup>bring</sup> ~~them~~ <sup>them</sup> ~~out~~ <sup>out</sup>

Received at ~~Beddyville~~ <sup>Beddyville</sup> ~~Tenn~~ <sup>Tenn</sup> the ~~24~~ <sup>24</sup> of ~~April~~ <sup>April</sup>, 1863  
 of ~~H. Johnson~~ <sup>H. Johnson</sup> ~~Capt. 4th~~ <sup>Capt. 4th</sup> ~~Ill. Inf.~~ <sup>Ill. Inf.</sup> ~~Quartermaster~~ <sup>Quartermaster</sup> ~~U. S. Army,~~ <sup>U. S. Army,</sup>

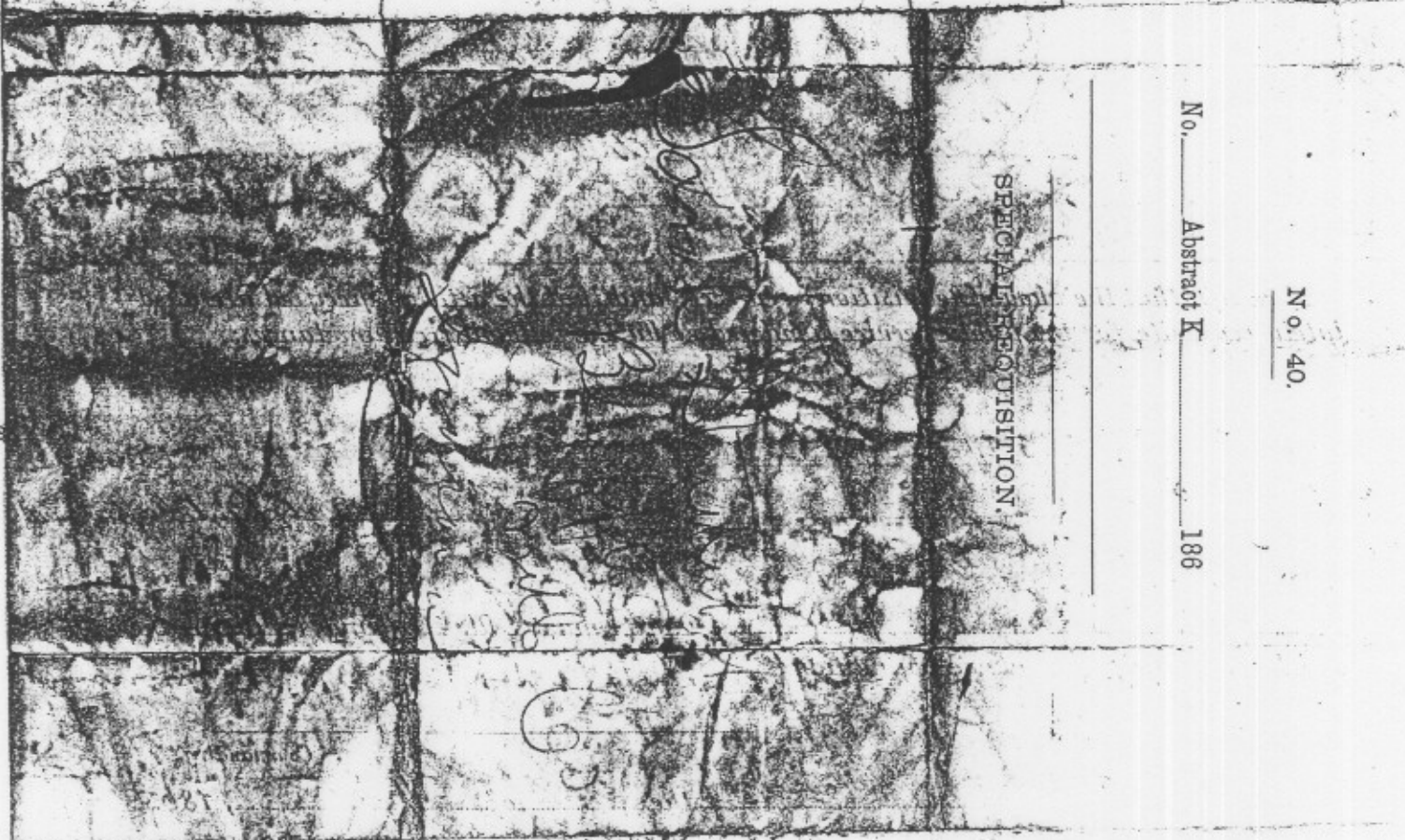
(3) Three pairs Knit Drawers at \$1.00 \$3.00

~~Spent~~ <sup>Spent</sup> ~~out~~ <sup>out</sup> ~~about~~ <sup>about</sup> ~~5~~ <sup>5</sup> ~~days~~ <sup>days</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~bring~~ <sup>bring</sup> ~~them~~ <sup>them</sup> ~~out~~ <sup>out</sup>  
 in 6 days before we get back to camp again I would you to  
 in full of the above requisition.

(TRIPPLICATE)

with us ~~as~~ <sup>as</sup> ~~soon~~ <sup>soon</sup> ~~as~~ <sup>as</sup> ~~possible~~ <sup>possible</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~bring~~ <sup>bring</sup> ~~them~~ <sup>them</sup> ~~out~~ <sup>out</sup>  
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My Board is so rough & only a half sheet of  
 paper Jan. This glass coat is well suited with  
 as Sarah I send this by the train of our <sup>to</sup> James Park  
 he brought us out 6 days more rather to the top  
 giving similar things by your way and then kiss  
 me for me you as ever P. H. H. H.  
 It so much I cannot write



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SPECIAL ACQUISITION

apart of the  
 up again that's what they thought  
 but their business was being done  
 right out home into their  
 night out home into their  
 I don't know how the  
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