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Dear Bella

I received your letter this
morning I had wrote one and had it
closed it up so I am under marching
orders to fight another battle I hope
that god will keep me from
danger this time the same as the
last battle the fighting is only once
we have two men to every one we had
last battle this is a great struggle that
is before us and Richmond will
will end the war in this part
of the Country if Richmond is
taken the rebels are done
but they will fight hard before
they will give it up there are more
kild laying in the woods than ever
can be Bounced the are black and
stinking and all over maggots
by this time my dear wife
I want you to buy a Barrell of flour
you can buy your bread the same