

carry every day, a fellow can take
 a comfortable sweat in a cold
 day carrying it, and he can sweat
 like the devil in a hot day,
 the evacuation of evil with us a better
 victory to us than a battle could have
 been, it would have been impossible
 for us to have got inside of their
 breast work, with out a loss of ^{at least}
 to twenty thousand men, we would
 have ^{had} to have walked over trees and brush
 a heap for a mile before we could
 have done a thing and it would
 have taken us at least one hour and
 a half to have got through it and they
 could have poured down lead on us every
 step and through the operation
 their army would be ⁱⁿ pieces
 we are now building bridges and ma-
 king roads and fixing the rail
 road to Memphis, if McClellan could
 clear them out in Virginia I should
 think the war would soon be
 over, what do you think about it,
 I wish you would cut the money of the
 week out of the general and send it to
 me it is all to me and write often

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 I am very glad to hear from you when
 we get to Memphis or by mail will
 come more regular. This is a slow
 march the rest of the way and it
 is all night, hot enough to melt the
 devil, but I suppose we will have
 to take it as it comes.
 I am sorry you have had such
 luck with your stock and grain
 crops, hope you can make it up
 on your bee king this season
 how does my cow look still
 it makes any thing, extra, extra
 could I get a mate to it and if
 I could what would I have to pay
 for it. I wish you would let me
 be in your next letter.

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Major Gen. Halleck.

I am with much respect to all
 and a good long letter each
 Vagrance, Tenn. Jan. 27th
 Brother Paul
 young of home
 8th was received Jan 3rd.