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Near Baldwins Bluffs June the 5<sup>th</sup>

Dear Sister

As I had met with another opportunity of writing a few lines by hand for the purpose of informing you of what has happened since my last. We have retreated from Corinth about 30 miles and we are going to go 15 miles farther. We retreated day and night for 3 days. We had some tolerably heavy fighting for 3 or 4 days before we commenced retreating. The enemy were doing a great many things at us but they did not hurt any body. Our batteries shelled them every time they planted them. I cannot describe the retreat. There was a great deal of suffering and a good many of the sick died on account of the fatigue. I will have to close. I am well. Jasper Bowen and D. Kennedy are at the hospital. Pete is waiting on them. Joe Denton is still unwell. Though there is nothing very serious the matter with him I think.

I have not heard of John but  
once since he left. Neither  
have I heard of Cy. I have  
not received a letter from him  
in 3 months. Hoping these few  
lines will find you all enjoying good  
health I remain your affectionate brother  
S. B. Love

Spier June 28th 1862

I had broke open  
this letter & read it. we are all  
in good health so far as know - all  
of our ~~co~~ boys are good. we are  
now ordered to Clarksview will  
start there in a few days. I have  
nothing more to write the fact is  
there is nothing to write so nothing  
more from your brother John,