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My Dear Wife

As I have found out what we are to do for a little while I let you know this morning we were ordered to go below the Bridge and go in one old trade that is to go in the dispatch bussiness and we still carry our Gun Squad of Eleven Men we have just made a trip down to the J B Gurly at Andersons ferry & back & found all well on board though a little excitement down that way Some shooting was heard back in the country and a dispatcher sent out to ascertain the cause and I look for an answer back such as has occurred lots of times before that there was a review and shooting of Blank cartridges by way of stimulating the Men at hearing the cracks &c. I have good reason to expect that we will be soon discharge as I have heard that all Boats in Gov service will be dismissed this week unless there should be an attack made by the rebels I find that the Comadore is dissatisfied at some of the boats engaged in the flottilla and the intention is to call all in and dismiss all and such as are absolutely needed he will engage again. I feel safe that we shall fare well and if there is any money to be got out of the chartering bussiness we will fare to. You may think that this is a strange sort of life and so do I! I cannot tell today what I shall do tomorrow nor can I find out by enquiry as the Comadore of the fleet is subject to the orders of Gen Wright. I suppose you heard by the papers of the cowardice of Capt Adams and the Capt of the Florence Miller who are both in Jail and likely to be Kept there I don't Know what will be their doom yet.

I have no news of any interest to write to you I have not seen your mother since last Saturday week she was well I have not had any letter from you for over a week and it worries me are you sick or are you mad or are any of the children sick let me hear from you often. I witnessed a funeral persession on last Saturday of one of James Loves children at Maysville and it struck me sorely to see it as he and us were both married on the Same day and have had the same number of children and they lack but a little of being of the same ages and he lost the youngest one a boy of the same size and near the same age of Eddie it made me feel very queer indeed as I had not heard from you when at Cin last I wish you was here or I Could go up and stay at home a while but that is out of the question. Kiss all the children for me and tell them to be good that I will soon Come home take good care of yourself good bye

Your affectionate husband, WBA