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Dear uncel i set my self
down to let you see th
at i ^{am} well at present
and i hope these few
lines may find you
in gay the same. i have
seen the elephant worth
we had a pretty hat
time her the ball upon
on the thirty eth day of
last month and hell
on untill the next day
till dark we drove them
back six miles we ~~also~~
whip them badly the
estimate was that we could
have ten to drive on
i think they must be

See that are now and the
amount of prisoners that
we have taken is
about 7 thousand. I did not
get many of our boys
as prisoners we captured
forty three pieces of
cannon & lost no horse
my wagons ~~for~~ we captured
for sure there was four
or five hundred & no that
we got for we had to
to burn them for
we could not get ^{boys} them
the way the Southern fit
like wild cats they
stud up men to men
all the time no back
they go on all the time

it was run big yank
little ^{yank} her there was
no time for yank her
they throo ever thing
as they run they throo
their guns nap back ho
ver back catlery bon coffee
put blance and ever
els all of our ~~big~~ boys
got out some that were
in the hotel they wasnt
but a few of them in
the storm they so do
well they did not pear
to be brighten in my
the hummed grape
and minny ~~com~~ com
like hole Stone ^{from} the
north the burn bees
teel over us and all

all I round us
i did not get to fire
~~many~~ ^{time} in the battle
i was so wounded i had
to stay & but ten
or fifteen steps behind
the line sawing Rob and ~~me~~
me is still together
yet you must tell Dick
on Cole was heavily for me
tell Dick that John was
well the last time ^{here}
from him i must close
my letter you must
look over my last right
miss back & for i write
it after me and no time
to so no more ~~at~~

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