

if I have an opportunity I will
improve it in writing to others
I am so tired and beat out I could
not think I could ^{write} to any one if
I had no family. we are now on
Red river about forty five miles back
from the first Battle field that is
have retreated back that far on
the same road that we went up
our why we retreated was, in the first
place we were entirely out of supplies
and all the way for us to do was
to retreat back to the River where
~~we~~ our transports lay in order to
to get something eat the most of
us was out the morning the last
Battle commenced we were skirmishing
and fighting eleven hours without
Eating then we had to go over the
field of Battle and fetch of our
wounded and the Rebels wounded
which was no pleasant job or
an empty stomach after we had got
through with that very unpleasant
job we got through about ten o'clock
at night we laid down nearly
exhausted on the cold ground where
we slept very sweetly for two hours
then started on a retreat for this
place the rebels occupy Pleasant Hill
they are a trying to get into Texas
(we had nothing to eat till we got to this place)

from Albert Harvey - Gen of Daniel.

Leland De Gore Red River Lou April ¹⁸⁶⁶
Dear Wife

I wrote you some four days ago
and having no conveniance
now time when I wrote but my
leg for a desk and a very poor pen
I do not know if you get ^{it} as you
can read it we had a very hard
march from Macatoches to the crop
roads near Mansfield, we marched
ninety six miles fought two battles
in 3 1/2 days two of the days we
had nothing under Gods heavens
to eat the Battle at Pleasant
hill was the hardest fought
Battle (so Gen ^{Banks} says)
the has been since the war
he says Port Hudson ~~was~~
battle was no comparison to it
I suppose the Boys will wonder
how Par felt when he was going
Battle tell I was not scart ^{into}

a Battle field is a poor place for
a man to loose his courage after
we ^{we} Draw up in line battle I
took out their little Pictures
and looked at them shed a tear
and was as cool as I ever was for I
felt as though I should come out
of it safe and ^{by the help of} kind providence
I did, perhaps ~~the~~ the Boys
would like to know how a battle
field looks after a fight but
as I cannot bear to recall the
sight back to my own mind,
and knowing that it would
not be interesting to you they
must wait ^{til} I get home
and I will then tell them a
grait many story's Sati I
am glad you have got moved,
and was so lucky to get so good
a chance Mr Grover is a very
fine man the Boys must
mind him and be very careful

and not be surey to him
if they are he must correct
them the same as though they
wer his own boys I want them
to stay at home and not be
running about more than is
necessery I want you to get
them every thing they need to
make them comfortable
I want to see you all and if
it is gods will I shall some
time, you said you wanted me
to write to Mr Grover it would
give ^{me} grait pleasure to do so
but if you new what I have
to go through you would
wonder how I could write
at all folks must not wait
for me to write the is a grait
many I should like to here
from ^{you} ^{reun a letter} and write to, but I have
had no opportunity I must
write to ^{my} family first and then