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be careful  
unfolding this letter

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have just struck it

Mashville Tenn.

March 20th - 65-

Dear Father

I will drop you a line this morning hoping that it may find you all well up there. I am well and trying to pass the time off the best I can. I am busy nearly all the time the more I have to do the faster time passes, but it begins to hang heavy. Eliot Burch is getting along as usual. I am very very sorry to hear of the death of Therie's little boy how sudden death comes, but such is life and we should not murmur, yet its hard to see ones friends laid low in the grave. I have seen many of mine go there in the last three years, friends that were tried in the fiery ordeal of battle many times, but no more of this it makes me feel bad to think of those noble fellows now in their graves. I heard it remarked the other day that a soldier who had passed through battles and campaigns had no feelings

such is not the case, but allow  
 me to say that the true soldier  
 never forgets a kindness or his friends  
 but his enemies should beware for  
 with such an one, trifling would not  
 do, oh how I would like to see the  
 old regt. now and the boys once  
 more, but I will change the  
 subject, as it is near the first of April  
 you may find use for a little  
 money, you will find enclosed  
 in this letter a check for two  
 hundred and seventy five dollars  
 \$275.00, I hope it may reach you  
 by the first of April, please write  
 to me immediately after you get  
 it, so that I may whether it goes  
 safe or not, if not I will get a  
 duplicate check for it, so don't fail  
 to let me know just as soon as  
 you receive this letter, in two weeks  
 I shall expect a letter in answer to  
 this one my regards to all please  
 excuse this scribbling for I have written  
 in a hurry

Direct as before from your son  
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