

Timber Hills June 5

My dear Husband

With pleasure  
I again seat myself for  
the purpose of answering  
your welcome letter that  
I received last Wednes-  
day. It found me not  
very well but I am  
better now. Father &  
Mother have got back  
from up north and  
Mother stood the ride  
much better than she  
expected. They found  
James folks as well as  
could be expected.  
They expect a letter  
from them soon to

now how they are  
the cow is well again  
I churned last week  
for the first time  
and you may know  
how bad she was.

It is the first butter  
that I have had  
since I have been here  
except a half a pound  
that I bought of Mrs.  
Sharp when I was sick.

I forget I would have  
told you this before I  
did the cow story but  
then it will do as well  
I guess. Uncle Asa Reeves  
has sold his farm  
and is living in Galva  
again. Robinson Reeves  
was married in Rock  
Island the first day  
of May.

I am sorry that  
you think you won't get  
home as soon as some  
of the rest. But I  
still hope you will  
I am glad soldiering  
agrees with you as  
well as it does. Corn  
meal must agree with  
you and hard tack  
too. Southern climate  
also. I want you to  
get your likenesses as  
soon as you can for  
I want to see you so  
bad. I would send  
you mine but I will  
wait awhile first.  
You need not write to  
Helenings for I can  
get some one here to  
take care of me  
The boys have not

come home yet but  
they expect them by  
the fifteenth of this  
month. But they think  
it uncertain about the  
one year men getting  
home until their time  
is over. You need not  
be uneasy about my  
getting along for father  
comes down every week  
nearly to see if I need  
anything and wants me  
to have more than I  
will take. The weather is  
very hot and dry. Laura is  
well and as fat as a pig she  
says every day that she  
wants pa to come home to  
day. Write soon and often  
to your loving wife and child  
Eliza.