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Dear Wife

Yours of the third  
at hand, and well pleased to  
get such a long nice letter  
from you wish I could write  
you as good a one in return  
my health is very good we  
are getting up dogs to send  
below dont know yet how  
many there will they are  
badly scattered and we have  
hard work to find them,  
I am well pleased to hear  
that Freddie is getting along  
so nicely, I guess Miss Bueck  
will have to wait for him  
as she thinks so much  
of him I rather think she

She joshes him a little  
 I cant tell when I will  
 be back but will come  
 as soon as possible after  
 I get things here fixed  
 to my mind we have  
 had a good rain since  
 I came here but the ground  
 will be getting dry soon  
 if we dont get more rain  
 soon. I am satisfied the  
 grain crop will be short  
 this season in this part  
 of the country, we may  
 make part of a crop  
 if we have a little more  
 rain

Yours Truly

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