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good Morning
Dear Wife

i am well to inform you that i receive your very welcome letter last night after i was in bed i am glad to hear that you were all very well i was very uneasy about you i had not hear from you a word for two weeks i receive a letter with six stamps some time ago and this last letter it contains two stamps and two sheet of paper and two invalsps i receive a letter from Rachael ^{morning} before the Battle and had begun to rite her letter when we were ordered of to fight and after i lost all my noting things i have no time to rite much this morning we dont know what time ^{we} will leave this place i hope we shall reach Richmond without much fighting Hanzstock gives his best and his Love to Mr and Mrs Jessop and he will send their letter as soon as he can

give my best love to Mr and Mrs Jessop and family and to W Luchin and family and all my engineering friends my best Love to you my dear Bella and kiss the Baby and Ellie for me rite as soon as you can get time dont send me any more News papers for i can get plenty later papers hear send letters as often as you have a mind my time is short i must go on duty we are making a fort here so the rebels cant rout us back and cutting big timber so they cant bring their Army on us only by roads and then we will have a chance to cut them of a great many Riffle pits we dig up for us to go in and shoot out of them
good By Dear Bell

your Affectionate husband

till Death

Thomas Hancock

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