My Dear Wife, I have written to you som
few or three times within the last week
but have had no opportunity sending
them to you. Since that time we have
had one of the hardest fought battle
since the commencement of the war.

The house and barn were burned, the
army was routed, and the best of it is we
were a most glorious victory driving
the enemy back and capturing about 100 prisoners, about 100 wag
ons, and a large quantity of horses. I cannot say how many, all
their ammunition, many shoes, tents, blankets, clothing,
and a thousand other things too tedious to
enumerate. The killed and wounded, from the
best accounts some 200 or 250 and wounded
perhaps as many more. They estimated, in
their wheat of killed, wounded, and missing, some 100,
the loss in killed and wounded is about 200 or 250. My best
suffice more than any other consideration, the number
May keep, stood the tree before came fought
two hours and a half, more near for a
moment than 10. I am happy to hear
little, the little thought of keeping the places
by the time
The little
were written in this
in their interval, were about to attack from us. But to our surprise they came out to attack us, and they will present the longest line they have. They marched some two or three miles in the night of hunting to catch us unawares. I was in bed when the alarm was given, but in five minutes I was on my horse, formed on line, and on the march to the line of action. We went at six o'clock and for two hours the constant firing upon a single target. They had eight regiments, and for six or two hours the 10th Indiana and my regiment held them at bay until the 9th Maine, and we chased them to our rear.

I had a personal interview with Chief Galler, coffee on the field of battle. In short time, I think it all the time he was one of our officers, once from his conversation to me he must have thought I was a little officer or else he was trying to make me sure when I was, true conversation too. I was right in the course and when I kept him I rode off ten feet or fifteen lines once to me as an answer to see what was going on, and the first thing that attracted my attention was a man, one of his band, rode out of the woods and deliberately aimed his rifle at me. Fortunately, missed me. I then observed that I had been talking to a
While off duty, I at times drew my pistol at the man who had shot at me. Having made good his escape, I aiming my pistol at his retreating form that time through the brush. This may shock you a little, but my own life depended upon it. Since I had to take a chance on him.

He said to me when he came up to me: 'You must not think our own kind to which I replied, 'I see no reason to think my own men intentionally.' He then said, pointing to some men dressing furs in the woods, 'You are not your own. But as for that...'

As I turned away from him and after I had shot, the body of the man stepped up to me pointing to the same to whom I'd seen earlier行事. Then asked one of the four who were the men. I then looked at them and discovered that they were whites and gave orders to the men to lie down, which they did little several of them and putting the others to flight.

After the money had taken flight, the immediately falconed in pursuit of the white men. Towed to their intentions, when we expected motion haveésthe one. Someone was immediately placed in position of ammunition before them in their actual
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...return, we returned a few loads and got... They were on board all their night and knowing that they might come again this morning we watched them closely all night. They could see some little distance out without moving back and forth, and the view was right. We could not see them only within their going off to the bare. They were... uniforms on this side.

I was very much surprised that they were leaving. We opened one of our batteries in the morning at their boat and in a short time the fire burst from it and very soon it was connected to the water edge.

We are them take up our line of marl towards their river bank, and when reaching them forced their evacuation and they were close to the river. And then they had left upon the ground.

The bottom of the river on the side of literally covered was our basin, again, and hour, and their boats and huts were filled with trunks, bags, chests, and thousands of other things too tedious to mention. They kept all their clothing behind except what they had on their backs. It was a corn... point went. They had built along two or three hundred feet, for their water greater. Little did they think we would be seeing them to-night, but here near our...
Then setting by means of me and they dictated through my hands many of these been passed and almost nothing. The whole force is completely demoralized so much so that their officers could never talk them after their flight in the morning. Many of them then down their guns and positively refused to fight again.

I can say that my right behavior most nobly during the whole fight never giving any one much from the commence ment of the fight, and I happy to say all join in giving my same great praise. I had my horse shot under me. Never shot twice and died that night. Never a whistle animal once I repeat his death my much motion. I never have seen an animal behave as well as a battle field as he did. It will be hard to explain him. I have filled his sword once the glass. I will send the sword named by the first opportunity. It is getting late and I must close. What line of interest I have another in this letter, in regard to the fight I have given you in my part. My health is good except a horse.
Olde,

I am truly sorry that poor Samuel Greenhut
he was amongst the Whiteman's long to the poor
people of Clackwell that his widow and
children should be well provided for and
not allowed to suffer for any thing
the deed being a brave man and fair
partner. He died having his wife and
children destitute of the necessaries of life
poor and helpless, yet some good man
to take up a subscription for them.

He was the only man taken from Charlotte
who left a family. You soon see
the effect of the Whiteman idea remarked in
the papers, and I therefore forbear giving their
names.

Give my respects to all friends.

Your dear little loop for me and
return me to the good affl. husband
Yours truly,

P. J. B.

[Signature]