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Head 2nd 9th Conn Vols
Camp in the field near Cedar Creek
Va Oct 12th 1864

My Dear Wife

This is probably the last letter
you will receive from me while
in the service. as I am
expecting to proceed home-
wards to-morrow or the day
after with all the non Re-
enlisting men present
and all but ten or twelve offi-
cers. you may imagine that
there is considerable excite-
ment among the officers to
find out who are to be held and
who are to go. I know who they
are but as I do not wish to add
to the excitement I say nothing.
O. B. Williams & M. R. are among them.
I expect a deal of trouble in
settling up the Regt's affairs
and some loss of time. I suppose
the papers are full of the Great
Race the Celebrated Rossers Rebel
Cavalry made away from our line
by force with the loss of eleven

Receas at Millery throws a wonderful
affair costing us but four tall
and twenty women feed.

I received yours of the 24th
sept and wrote about
the money at Harpers Ferry

I will try to go that evening
and get it I am sorry about
our funds as I am afraid
it will be a long time before
can get to earn anything
at home and it will be some
time before I will get the
four months pay now due
The Mail will close on Sat
for an hour so good bye until
I see you all at home

Yours
John Whittell

P.S. Dr is well and is writ
ing now