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**Transcriptions by Center for Digital Collections staff.**



*[Faint, mirrored handwriting visible through the paper, likely bleed-through from the reverse side. The text is mostly illegible due to fading and the nature of the paper.]*



Harpers Ferry Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 1862  
Dear Sister

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and welcome Letter and was glad to  
to hear from you I received the money  
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thanks to you for your kindness  
But I am afraid you have robbed  
your self Sister it will not Be  
very Long till you see me I have  
had many a Silent thought about  
you I hope I shall Be able to  
reward you for your kindness in some  
future day a Soldiers Life is a  
hard one. But to me the time  
passes gently away Sister you would  
Be Surprised to see me now my  
teeth is very near all gone But  
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you But that is not all I must  
have a new set of Running gears  
how am I going to get them

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to provide me with a pair of patent  
ones. well Sister I hope you wont

Be grieved any more now I  
want you to Be content till  
I come home then I shall  
have some funny tales to  
tell you Be assured I will  
write now as often as I can

now I dont want you to Be  
discontent any more Tell  
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