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Fort Lyon April the 16

Dear Father and Mother I
just I would write you a few
lines to let you that I am well
I was a reading over some old letters
I had and I came acrost one I got
from you and I though I would
write to you as often as I can
as you dont hear from Josephis
and bethel is dead I want to
let you know that I am yet
alive and a picking we dont have
much excitement here I think
we shall stay here this summer
but dont know we may get
orders to go any time to leave
the weather is verry warm here
now as warm as July in old
peru the grass is green and the
shrubery or trees we call them
are a leaving out the wood is
mostly cottonwood it only grows

along the river bottoms I would
like to have you to give me
Charles Sherris and cleasers
Postoffice address I have not writch
to write write often direct to
Fort Lou Colorado Territory
9 Battery Wis Vol

This from your
son James Sherris

I wrote to Gilbert
and have had an answe
he said he would send
that likeness right on
to you he had got it
all right