

Number 1

I hope so at eney rate. We have
not had eney Male for some time
till this morning General Hood
got around in behind us & tore
up about 15 Miles of the Rail Road
betwene here and Chattanooga
a station called Big Shanty, but
Sherman & his army got after
him & cut him up bad & took
a good many prisoners & he
set them to work ~~at~~ at the
Road to fix it up. Grant he
is to work ~~at~~ at Rich^{mond} with
good success if he gets that place
this war will come to a close soon
I think, ~~but~~ Hood's army has cut off
our communications so that we
do not have much to eat but
hard tack & coffee & the terms
some of them are ~~very~~ starting
to death but we will soon get
per vision there again. I have
not done eney work yet more than