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Oct 12th 1861

Camp Spaulding Sapelo Island McIntosh Co Ga

Dear wife

We arrived at this place Wednesday morning just at day light and I ~~started~~ left in an hour after for Blackbeard ten miles north of this camp I found the hospital all of our men with only three that were sick much several that had been sick but were able to wait on themselves I got to Blackbeard ten minutes before the company left Mr Isom went with me it is seventeen miles part of it the roughest country on this globe father looks very bad but he is gaining strength very fast there is fourteen on the sick list but none of them very bad all able to be up some little father has been the sickest of any of them except poor Tom Cornell we are camped on as pretty a place as I ever have seen it is a high live oak grove one side open to the Atlantic its never ceasing roar about three quarters of a mile from camp the two Thomas Companies are here together I do not know wether we will stay here or not if we do the whole regiment will be here together there are two companies in Savannah just say to all you hear talking about it that Col Miles never will command the Thomas and Berrien men our regiment will be the fifteenth and it will be kept together either here or at Savannah we have had no election for our officers yet but think it be to day although it is not certain John and Jonathan are well all the rest of my kin are well except father and W. A Jones has a very bad boil on his knee cap so that he can walk but very little I want to see you and the children very bad I will come home as soon as I can I hope Miss Brandon will stay with ^(tell your) father does ~~not~~ get some body to stay all the time I will come with

Mr Milican and fix affairs for you the best I can
I hope all will be well with you. Your husband
Wm W. Knight

write to me direct to Darien Ga. care of Capt L J.
Knight

October 12, 1861

Camp Spaulding Sapelo Island McIntosh County

Dear Wife,

We arrived at this place Wednesday morning just at the day light and I left in an hour after for Blackbeard ten miles north of this camp. I found the hospital of our men with only three that were sick much, several that had been sick but were able to wait on themselves or got to Blackbeard ten minutes before the company left Mt. Zion went with me. It is seventeen miles, part of it the roughest country on this globe. Father looks very bad, but he is gaining strength very fast. There is fourteen on the sick list but none of them very bad, all able to be up some little. Father has been the sickest of any of them except for Tom Connell. We are camped on as lonely a place as I ever have seen. It is a high Live Oak grove, one side open to the Atlantic, its never ceasing road about three quarters of a mile from camp. The two Thomas Companies are here together. I do not know wether[sic] we will stay here or not. If we do, the whole regiment will be here together. There are two companies in Savannah. Just say to all you hear talking about it that Col. Stiles never will command the Thomas and Berrien men. Our regiment will be the fifteenth and it will be kept together either here or at Savannah. We have had no election for the officers yet, but think it be to day[sic], although it is not certain John and Jonathan are well. All the rest of my kin are well except father, and Wm. A. Jones has a very bad boil on his knee cap[sic] so that he can walk but very little. I want to see you and the children very bad. I will come home as soon as I can. I hope my Brandon will stay with you. Tell your Father does get home today to stay all the time. I will come with Mr. Milican and his affairs for you. The best I can hope all will be well with you. Your Husband,

W. W. Knight

Write to me direct to Darien Ga., care of Capt. L.J. Knight

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