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Camp Near Savannah Ga Oct 25th 1862

Dear Mary I have seated myself write you a few lines that you may know I have not forgotten you and the children this leaves me well hoping it may find you and the children well also I have not written to you since we got back from Florida we have been very busy ever since we returned we were to have a general review yesterday in Savannah by Gen Beauregard but the Yankees gave his soldiers something else to do they landed in South Carolina and got possession of the Rail Road from Savannah to Charleston near Port Royal and some forty miles from Savannah they drove the men that was stationed from the place after a hard fight there was but about three hundred soldiers there our troops whipped them ~~on~~^{wednesday} and drove them back to their Gunboats they returned and our troops whipped them back ~~on~~^{Thursday} again we do not know the full particulars of the two days fight our regiment did not go this time we have had the picket duty to do for three regiments since ~~wednesday~~^{Tuesday} night besides our own I think we will have our lines about as full as we can manage this winter they try some of our batteries with their Gunboats nearly every day yesterday four of them fired some eight or ten times at our Battery at Beaulieu

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since we come back from Florida and I cannot go
now until John Hoagan gets back from home
John M Griffin is very sick he was sent to the
St Johns Hospital this morning he has pneumonia
very bad and I cannot leave the company we
have not so many sick as we have had but we
have more sick now than we ought to have. Lieuts
Parish and Baxter are both sick with chills and
fever we have one officer and two Sergeants one
besides myself for duty and the other complains of
being unwell but he has not reported sick yet but
I expect he will by tomorrow morning I got a chance
the other evening to see Mrs & Cornwell I was sent
to the barracks on business and had to wait an hour
and I went to them about the steel I bought for your
Father Mr Weed said he would see if it had been
sent if it had the rail road agent would have
to produce it and if it had not been sent he
would send him a bar in the place of the one I
bought he said the bar I bought had been sent
some where but his Books did not show it and
there had been any steel shipped to your Father
he will let me know by Monday evening if
I cannot go to see him Mary I want you to write
to me every week and I will try and do the same
by you. Your husband in love William W Knight

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Dear Mary,

I have seated myself [to] write you a few lines, that you may know I have not forgotten you and the children. This leaves me well hoping it may find you and the children well also. I have not written to you since we got back from Florida. We have been very busy ever since we returned. We were to have a general review yesterday in Savannah by Gen. Beauregard, but the youths gave his soldiers something else to do. They landed in South Carolina and got possession of the Rail Road[sic] from Savannah to Charleston near Pocotaligo and some forty miles from Savannah, they drove the men that was stationed from the place after a hard fight there was but about three hundred soldiers there. Our troops whipped them Wednesday and drove them back to their Gunboats. They returned and ours whipped them back Thursday again. We do not know the full particulars of the two days fight, our regiment did not go this time. We have had the picket duty to do for three regiments since Tuesday night [illegible] besides our own. I think we will have our hands about as full as we can manage this winter, they try some of our batteries with their Gunboats near by every day. Yesterday, four of them fired some eight or ten Guns at our Battery at [Behla?]. The men did not return the fire and they left no damage done to the Battery. I have not been on picket since we came back from Florida and I cannot go now until John [Hagan?] gets back from home. John M. Griffin is very sick, he was sent to the St. John Hospital this morning. He has pneumonia very bad and I can not leave the company, we have no so many sick as we have had, but we have more sick now than we ought to have. Lieuts. Parrish and Baxter are both sick with chills and fever, we have one officer and two sergeants, once besides myself for duty and the other complains of being unwell, but he has not reported sick yet, but I expect he will by tomorrow morning. I got a chance the other evening to see [Will R. Cornwell?]. I was sent to the barracks on business and had to wait an hour and I went to think about the steel I bought for your father. Mr. Weed said he would see if it had been sent, if it had the rail road agent would have to produce it and if it had not been sent, he would hire a [bar?] I bought had been sent [illegible] where but his Books did not show that there had been any steel shipped to your Father, he will let me know by Monday evening if I cannot go to see him. Mary, I want you to write to me every week and I will try and do the same by you.

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