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Camp Taltrall April 17th 1862

Dear wife

I received yours of the 9th
Just I was was very to here from you
I hope you and the children will keep well
I am well as I generally am you wrote you
wanted some thread if get a chance I will get some
for though it is as high here by then the freight is paid
as paid it would be to ~~be~~ buy it at home
we were ordered off last night to Costans Bluff two
companies of the 13th Regiment not Stiles the one that
went to Virginia and returned this winter had a very
hard fight yesterday with eight hundred & fifty Yankees
on an island near here the same that they fought on
some time before but they drove the Yankees back untill
their ammunition gave out then they gave back and
left the Island four of ours killed and eight wounded
they do not know how many of the enemy was killed and
wounded & they got one Lieutenant that was shot so bad
that he was dying and took one prisoner but he refused
to come off the Island then and one of the men shot him
dead took his arms and left him Mary I am writing in
a hurry we are breaking up here and moving to the Bluff
it is four miles from the city and a very pretty place and
a very good Battery I have sent to Naylor my gun to your
father and Levi's to Uncle John both in care of W^m St. Bartes
May you write me your Father wanted your little girl named
Melisa if you like the name and do not think you will call
it Lisa I have nothing against it be shure you suit your
self and I am shure you will suit me your Husband
in Love

1862-04-07

Camp Tattnall April 17th 1862

Dear Wife,

I received yours on the 9th just. I was very to here[sic] from you. I hope you and the children will keep well. I am well as I generally am. You wrote you wanted some thread. If I get a chance, I will get some for, though it is as high here by then, the freit[sic] is paid as it would be to buy it at home. We where ordered off last night to Costans Bluff, two companies of the 13th Regiment, not Stiles, the one that went to Virginia and returned this winter, had a very hard fight yesterday with eight hundred and fifty yankees on an island near here the same that they fought on some time before on. They drove the yankees back until their ammuniton gave out, then they gave back and left the island. Four of ours killed and eight wounded, They do not know how many of the enemy was killed and wounded, and they got one lieutenant than was shot so bad that he was dying and took one prisoner but he refused to come off the island. Then and one of the men shot him dead, took his arms and left him. Mary, I am writing in a hurry. We are breaking up here and moving to the Bluff. It is four miles from the city and a very pretty place and a very good battery. I have sent to Naylor. my gun to your father and Levi's to Uncle John, both in care of W. A. Carter. Mary, you wrote me your father wanted your little girl named Melisa, if you like the name and do not think you will call it Lily. I have nothing against it. Be shure [sic] you suit your self and I am shur[sic] you will suit me. Your Husband in Love,