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Caustons Bluff August 13th 1862

Dear Wife I received yours by the hands of Lieutenant Baxter I was very glad to hear from you again that you were all well I hope this will find you and the children still in good health Jonathan will carry this up for me as he is going up home once more six others of our company are going home on ten days furlough I will try to come when Jonathan come back to camp but I do not care to come on ten days furlough I will try to get longer time if I can but the chance to get more than ten days is very slim now. Fisher was here the other day he was going to Richmond he did not stop but 3 or 4 hours here and then went on he look very hearty now to what he ~~does~~ did when he left here to go home Mary you wrote again about my getting a discharge from service I do not think I do not think I have any right to a discharge and I am very certain I could not get it if I should try to obtain one I have no ground to base an application for a discharge on no army Surgeon would give me a certificate of disability I have been in service ~~less~~ months and I have done as much duty as any man in the 29th Regiment I think I am as able to do duty now as I was when I first come in we have no news here of any importance but

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of Neok he lived in chick county he died very sud-
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he was nearly well he complained the night before
of feeling very bad but seemed better that morning
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^{see} you all and be home with you again to stay but
I don't think I will ever leave the army
in a way for people to say nothing never was
the matter with him as I could see only he got
tired of the servoid or was afraid of the yankees
one or both Mary we doing nothing here of any ben-
efit to the country or any body. I reason you will
see Jonathan and he could tell more about our
situation than I can write and I will try to come
the last of this month and see you all one
more. Nothing more but remain

Your husband in love
W W Knight

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Causton's Bluff August 3rd 1862

Dear Wife,

I received yours by the hands of Lieutenant Baxter. I was very glad to hear from you again, that you were all well. I hope this will find you with the children still in good health. Jonathan will carry this up for me as he is going up home once more. Six others of our company are going home on ten days furlough. I will try to come when Jonathan come[s] back to camp, but I do not care to come on ten days furlough. I will try to get longer time if I can, but the chance to get more than ten days is very slim now. Father was here the other day, he was going to Richmond. He did not stop but 3 or 4 hours here and then went on. He look[s] very hearty now to what he did when he left here to go home. Mary, you wrote again about my getting a discharge from service. I do not think I have any right to a discharge and I am very certain I could not get it if I should try to obtain one. I have no grounds to have base as justification for a discharge on and no army surgeon would give me a certificate of disability. I have been in service [ten?] months and I have done as much duty as any man in the 29th Regiment. I think I am as able to do duty now as I was when I first came in. We have no news here of any importance.

But have a great many sick in camp. One man died of our company last Wednesday by the name of [Noah?]. He lived in [Clinch?] County. He died very sudden, he had the yellow jaundice, but we thought he was mending well. He complained the night before of feeling very bad, but seemed better that morning and said he felt much better, talked lively and cheerful to[o]. Within less than three minutes of the time the breath left him. Mary, I want be see you and be with you again to stay, but I don't think I will ever leave the army in a way for people to say nothing never was the matter with him as I can see, only that he got tired of the service or was afraid of the Yankees, one or both. Mary, we[re] doing nothing here of any benefit to the country or any body [sic]. I recon you will see Jonathan and he can tell you more about our situation than I can write, and I will try to come the last of this month and see you all once more. Nothing more but remain,

Your husband in love,
W.W. Knight