Camp Marion March 3rd

My Dearest Dear:

We have orders to leave here tomorrow for Suffolk Va. You will see from the map that it is across James River from here from 70 to 180 miles by land. I expect we shall go by Petersburg. It will be a great debt out of the way and it will be all the way by Steam Boat & R.R. I am somewhat regret to leave our cabins but we are willing to go where our country needs us most let that be where it may. I reckon we shall hardly see the Peninsula any more during the war & I take this move as being a helping stone towards Ca. I think the object of our move at present is to prevent the Yankees from going to the R.R. 10 or 20 miles. I think from culpate the coast. We shall probably remain there a short time say 30 days & then go on to Ca. I hope so at least. We have very good tents & I am confident that we shall be able to make ourselves comfortable in one of my men's blankets.
from near Atlanta got back last evening. brought along two sec.
ity cards here the rap there will be no draft in Atlanta or in
Ga. says that there is between 2 &
3 thousand sick soldiers in Atlanta.
I cant tell where they put them. says
that there are a great deal of Army sup-
plies in Atlanta. It seems that
She is becoming the great center
point. you might say the great
turn Table of the South. I send you a
couple of papers in which you
find a great deal of interesting reading
I have a great devotion to order my
Richardson papers sent to Atlanta
direct your next letter to Suffolk and
you must write as soon as you
get this. I will write ever opportunity.
I hope this will find you as well
Yours affectionately
E.A.B.
Williamsburg Hospital—Mar. 7th

My Dearest Wife.

I wrote you the other day that we were going to leave the Peninsula. We left Pittsborough Marine yesterday evening to fight our Legion. Telfair led the Lehigh's Regiment and camped on the banks of James River about 3 miles from this. I saw Dr. Smith last evening, he is in good health, our Regiment and all streamed together to-night. We are going on to York while the Yankees see if I expect that we shall take the boat to-morrow or next day. I never saw such bad roads as we had to travel over from our camp up here. I thought as I was so near Dr. Westmoreland to hear that I would come over & see them & take tea with them. I took tea with them to-night at his boarding house, had a very nice supper. I wrote you a letter from here 20th last Sept.—I presume that it will be along time before I write another letter here. We had a slight rain this evening. I shall spend the night with the doctor. I hope that I shall sign a letter from you at Suffolk waiting for me when I get there but it would be bad if the Yankees got there first. I got it I have not seen supper since the 14th inst. I learn you strong has fallen back of me. Major Berwin is still in that disease and his condition is very poor. I can't tell when I shall write you from next.
Sunday Evening March 9th 62

My Dearest Susan,

I wrote you a few lines the other day from Williamsburg. I thought at that time that we would of been at Suffolk by this time. We did not cross the river the next day as I expected. We marched up to James town the next day 11 miles, that is the 3rd day. We halted at Blodewo Indians town near Williamsburg. We had landed at the same landing where the march to the Infantry went by the river of Petersburg. We crossed over all of our men, horses, & wagons with the help of a man. We traveled to day about 20 miles, pretty much all the way down on the West Side of the river. It is a very pretty country. Some beautiful residences. Some portions of it look old. The paper to dry hops. There is some of them fine ones. At one church it seemed that Sunday were just over. The congregation were all out in front of the church, the ladies looked very nice.
indeed. The white handkerchiefs waved from every building to day as we passed. It reminded us oft our early days of Goldinggum. We have seen some pretty light rains since we quit our cabin. The night that I stood with Dr. Pender the snow fell about 3 inches deep. We have had a very pretty day now but I shew it will rain again soon. Our fleet attacked the blockaded vessels yesterday, at the mouth of James River, sunk one and crippled a number. blew up the magazine in one; the explosion of which jaked the gap out of the fortifecs near where we are an camped to night. It is said that the explosion caused the meet to fall in a gentleman's smokehouse near here. The firing commenced again this morning about 7 o'clock before we left our camp and continued until 11 o'clock. We heard the guns in very distinctly. up from Lamy Island. I have gained since I commenced writing this that our vessels attacked them again and destroyed another one of their war steamer. a day thought
The Monticello, the Merrimack, is playing lower among their vessels. I was encamped tonight a little above New-Port News. It is about 20 miles from this to Suffolk. We will make this trip very easy to-morrow if nothing happens. We are 3 miles to-night from Smithfield. Be paper through to-sees. To-day I will finish this as soon as I get to Suffolk. I hope to start a letter waiting there for me when I get there. I hope that I will soon be where I can get my letters regular. I hope that dear [illegible] all the children are well to-night. 11 1/2 We have been spaced to see a another day. I can't say the Sun for the Sun is not yet up. Our covering of heaven save our blankets, self. Breakfast this morning was fried meat, crackers & coffee. We close in a few minutes. 11 1/2 We arrived here last evening at 8 o'clock, but instead of its being 10 M. as 24. found the road pretty rough in some places. When we got him we found God. God him waiting for us.
this was not all that we found
we found a good long letter
from you which had been
forwarded from Yorktown
of the 12th 29 of March I was
so glad to get it. It seems like
we had got in civilization again
we can see the cars & how the Empire
whistle buffalo is a right smart little
place, she had to leave her last
for most of baggage I got my hand
at all its cooking things I have been eating
ever since I left camp without a pliot
knife or fork make our first note
with my pocket knife. We feel like
we had got clean away from the
yankies they are so ills off. It seems
like along ways since we have been in
hearing of their armies for the last five
months. I am inclined that it will not
be a great while before we are near
Atlanta. John wants to do his letter box. Very much
Love to mama & grandmother too
Your affectionate
Husband
Sunday Evening

Camp Hunter at Murfrees

My Dearest Wife:

I had the pleasure yesterday of receiving your interest letter of the 9th (via) Altavilla. It received a very warm reception. I was so glad to hear from you. And to hear that you were all well. We are very well pleased with our change in location. We have not got so much rain here as we had on the Peninsulas. This is a low flat country but inclined to be sandy. The weather has been very pleasant ever since we left Camp Marion except the first two or three days when it snowed. From your letter it seems that it snowed in Atlanta about the same time. The weather has been very pleasant since this day week with the exception of one or two light rains. Every thing feels like spring of the year. The birds are beginning to swell on some of the trees. We are quite pleasant in our
Tents, had not quite so many little conveniences. We had picked up a few cooking utensils, & things to eat out of. We had been back for our things & they will be along on a few days. A Soldier should never have more than the central case on his back. Then the drum is tapping for preaching. We had no Service this forenoon. Mr. Porter is at hand. Mr. Hinny of Howell Colony Regiment preaches for us this evening at 9 o'clock. I will stop and go and see him. I was much pleased with Mr. Hinny's SERMON. Text of Psalm 40. I take him to be a Presbyterian, from the manner of his address. He is an able man, and an easy speaker. Mr. Porter is a man of delicate health. He has not been with us half the time. We had more bad news to day from the Coast. The Yankees had taken Newbern N.C., and freed thousands prisoners but the taking of the prisoners seems to contradict but there is no doubt about them having taken Newburn
I dread to hear the receipt of the Meade fight. I am afraid that Meade will whip them, they like we did at Donelson over the left. It is kept back too long to be good. We heard last evening that Price had captured 12 to 14 thousand. There seems to be no doubt about Philpott, LeConte, both being killed which will be a great loss to us.

It seems of late that all was against us, but I am afraid that it is chargeable to bad Gen. Ship. We must expect to lose the most of our coast batteries but that is no reason why we should lose our artillery and men. What is the use of 8 to 15 thousand men trying to hold or defend a place where the Yankees can through any amount of men against their breast in their gun boats. Let this indefensible coast lines go, let us fall back into the interior with our men and guns and send them from capturing let us meet the Yankees on high dry land.
So that we can get at them and around them and not give them a chance to protect themselves by water, but let them have a chance to get around them like we did at Manassas & Springfield Monday 17th. I went out to drill this morning when I got back I found two letters that our boys had brought into camp from you & one from Mr. Powell, Sister & Ally. I like to go off and come back to find such visitors waiting for my return. Sister & family are all well & getting along very well, plenty of food but not much to eat. It am glad to see that you & your little family all keep well & that paper confirm the bad news from Rosson there is certainly a rebel loose down there. If we could not hold St. Louis many things look very dark about Newbern the enemy seems to be advancing upon it to get hold of that road & advance upon Newbern to Goldsboro get possession of that road they will have us completely cut off. I shall dislike very much to have no communication or letter cut off so defined if hearing from you, but I hope for the better. Love your affectionate Husband.
Sunday Evening

Camp near Malvern, Pa., Mar 5th

My Dearest Wife,

We arrived here this evening after 35 days hard travelling. You will be very much surprised at the heading of my letter. I hope that you have not seen this instead of receiving Suffolk at the time of his leaving, or rather at the time of his receiving camp. But the order to march before the train that we went on, left the camp that day about 11 o'clock the 26th and had been steady for over 30 miles since. We have been much troubled about our supply on account of high waters washed away bridges. Our destination is Goldsboro, lasting eight or nine miles and then on to the Neuse, eight miles more. We expected to take the Cres hard to go the remainder of the way by land. We could not cross the good road going direct from Suffolk to Goldsboro to which place you will direct your next letter. I am afraid that it will be several days before I shall have the pleasure of getting a letter from you. I have heard nothing more from Sherman and avail myself of this opportunity to drop you a line for hereby.
May not have sent you word, I wrote you a letter the day two weeks ago on the road side just as I was waiting of them at our breakfast a camp fire indeed a stroke like. I was out and ready to come as we were going to dinner, though it may be coming till you get another of the other. I don't heard you much more than to throw a little cooking instruction things and that all come up When I left they all things will be concurred on to get better and send a little the writing way on an able to get along every line, I think. I have Attenor considered only since I paid time and water is any thing strong there water nor don't afflict it while I remain in the army. But your affectionate to me

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Roden N. Co. Mar 24th

my dear wife,

I have met Sherman here & got your letter of the 4th of March
I was glad to get it as it was old. Your last letter was of the 12th of March.
I expect that we shall have to go through
It was no chance for transportation
In great pity that we did not go direct
from Suhle. We came of Samoch
400 or 50 miles. I have met several here
from Atlanta. Mr. F. B. & all of his
family. We will hardly leave him a
day our Camp is about 3 or 4 miles
from here on the opposite side
of the river. From here on to
Kolhsbord. It will take about 7
days to make the trip. I hope this
will find you all well.

With affectionate
Husband
Englefield 26
May 26/62

Dear Miss Meaney

This far on our way 20 miles this side of Weldon. It took us all day yesterday to complete the Roanoke River 18 miles below Weldon. It was quite a job to put over 400 horses & about 20 teams. We had nothing but a small flat, that would carry our 10 horses up to 12 o'clock, when a small steamboat
I came up the river to our relief in which we spent over 20 odd hours at a time. We crossed our whole force without a single accident. We have no more streams of any consequence to cross between this point and our destination. This place is immediately on the R.R. on both sides all paper or I have stoped a few minutes to
have a shot & marked on my horse that got pulled off this morning. It will take us to more
clap & better if we want to make the trip. We don't want to hurt our horses
all of our infantry have gone on. I don't think that it will be long before we are all
in the ranks.
only one man (4)
down work to
as on the country
It is I learned to
day that it is reported
that now Burns and
gaining back. I
am sorry to hear
it. I have not seen
a proper letter from
24 11 don't know
what the news is
I believe they haven't
the shoe mailed or
I have turned them
sheets from my book
I turned an envelope
The weather is rather cool, and a little mist of snow is falling. I hope that will find you all well. The war has taught us many lessons of economy. Papa sends much love to the children.

Yours affectionately,

Husband