Near Fort McRee Florida

April 16th 1862

My Dear Sister

After the morning drill I employ the spare time from duty in writing to you these lines leaves me in good health hoping they may find you enjoying the same good blessing Dear Sallie I have nothing of interest to write to you therefore you can not expect an inter-esting letter I am sorry to inform you that my friend Mr Welby is sick he has got the pneumonia and is very bad off with it but I hope he will recover soon Our Colonel signs his name A. J. Hays he rather comes down on us a little too light I think he has revelee at five oclock in the morning. Company Drill from half past five to half past six Breakfast at seven and half past seven Sergeants call. And from half past ~~eight~~ nine to half past ~~nine~~ ten Drill the manuel of arms in the evening Battalion drill at four oclock dress Parade at six Guard mounting at eight in the morning. I believe I have told you all the calls except revelee at eight oclock at night tattoo at half past eight that is all I believe Sallie you must write to me as soon as you get this letter for I am

anxious to hear from you you must let me in your answer wheather you have heard from Charlie or not for I am very anxious to hear from him I inquire every day for letters expecting to get one from either you or him but I have not received but few letters Since I Saw you I have almost got out of heart but I do hope I will hear from him or Some of you Soon you must excuse this bad written letter and all mistakes for I feell very bad at present I had to Set up last night until two oclock with mr Weldy in order to give him Some medicine he had to take during the night Oh I like to forgotten to tell you the good ~~luck~~ luck which occured yesterday there is eight in my mess and out of the eight five received a fine quantity of provision Such as eggs lard rice butter potatoes and corn meal also Some bacon hams and a fine quantity of Sausages we were all very proud to get the provision we also have a Stove to cook with and a very comfortable litter house to cook in we all do our own cooking we take it by turns to cook two of us cook together, we also come on guard every other night I am on guard to night. So I will close my letter

Direct your letter warrington Fla Company G 27th Mass Regt

Your Brother { J. R. Riggs { write Soon

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