

Headquarters 4th

Tulhara, Miss. Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> /61

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away and get him to dispatch to  
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Sept 25<sup>th</sup>

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They have friends & brothers around  
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I hardly realized the fact that I was  
leaving home probably forever -  
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Yrs &c

Geo. A. Hall



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