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New York

Dear Brother i now write to you once more to let you know that am well and i have got good courage and live in hopes of seeing you again i do not know whether we sail to day or not tell my dear wife to keep good courage i am in hopes of seeing her again you will attend to business for her i will write to you as soon as we get to Port Royal and tell you how things is down there. I have just what want to eat here now i am boarding at 64 whitehall street will you to write to me as sonn as you hear from me and tell me how thing is up there and tell me what Samuel Heubell says about me tell Emeline to ask Alvah Brook for my cradle an sycthe which is upon the hill and she can sell them to Billy Watson if she sees fit and be sure to send that certificate back that is wrote James Monroe so no more at Present but remain your sincere Brother

Edward T Seaman

give my love to my dear mother tell her i hope to see her again. Tell my dear wife to be careful with my certificate

So good bye

E.T. Seaman

James Island, S.C.

June 27th, 1862

Dear Wife I now take the opportunity of writing to you to let you know that I am well and hope these few lines may find you the same that is I am well at heart but I have got a bad finger I fear it will be a felon it is now five days since I first felt it and no signs of it coming to a head the doctor says keep pork<sup>oil</sup> it to try to draw it to a head but I hope it will not be a felon it is on my left hand little finger the weather is very warm here now and there is a great many sick out of our troops the gallinipers is very troublesome here now every thing has been quiet here since the fight with the exception of shooting at the pickets on both sides we are at work every night building forts and breastwork very near the enemy fort in the woods the rebels attack<sup>ed</sup> our men last night but we soon drove them back the rebels desert their troops most every day one or two men come in our camp and say there is a great many more would come but fear our pickets would shoot them a man came in the other day that belonged to brooklyn he belonged to 47th of Georgia he has been in a battle against this regt. 3 times our man gave him some money and he leaves for New York in the next steamer we are making great preparation here but I do not know what for I expected it should be in Charleston this fourth of July but it looks very doubtfull now we are here to day but do not know where we will be to morrow I see the account in the paper about the fight we had in the woods with the rebels it was not<sup>stated</sup> as the fight was it will not do to believe all you see in the papers the man sent it to the papers did not see the fight for there was but <sup>one</sup> of the 45th of Pennsylvania to help us and save there was but 56 rebels killed when there was 101 killed so the papers does not state all the facts I suppose when you see the attack that we made on the fort on the 16th they will not tell near the men our side lost in the fight I suppose it was bad enough without publishing it in the papers we hear that the gun boats has got up near Richmond and can burn the city at any time I hope before you get this you will have got the little sum of money that I sent you besides my likeness that I sent you by Adams Express I sent the receipts by mail so soon as I get them you will get them before the express gets in New York I wrote in Mothers letter for you to send me a fine comb you may send me two if you like but if you have sent<sup>one</sup> before this reaches you wait a little while before you send the next I wrote to Alvah a few days ago I suppos he will get his letter before you get this I wrote for him to let you see the letter we expect a mail here every day and as soon as it gets here I will write to you again our whole regt has got new clothes I took new pants but I did not draw my coat for fear

on a long march I would have to throw it away but I can get it any time I want it I must now close for I must clean my rifle but I hope when I write again my finger may be better you must excuse this short letter give my love to John Wesley and Janery and all the children and to my Dear Mother and tell them I hope that I may see them all once more on this earth so good bye dear Wife no more at present

From your sincere husband

Edward T Seaman  
Grinersby Landing  
S.C.

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Hilton Head, Port Royal S.C. July 19th  
1862

To You My Dear Wife I now with pleasure write you a few lines to let you know that I am well and hope these few lines may find you the same I have just now received 3 kind and welcome letters from the dear ones that is far frome (sic) me at the present time one from you one from my dear Mother and one from John Wesley I wrote you a letter on 15th and a few lines to John Wesley I put in the same letter which I hope you will get before this reaches you I wa much pleased to hear that you had got the likeness and was sorry to hear that one of the glasses was broke but I suppose that it was easy fixed I see you liked the one without the moustache best and you waid you thought that I looked better with whiskers than I do without and wished I ould let them be untill I come home if I ever did I have not shaved my face since I left New York and do not mena to shve untill I get back there if god spares me to get there you mentioned about me not saying anything about the socks you sent me I think I have got all you have sent me to day I got the fine comb and two packegs (sic) of papers and the handkerchief that my dear mother sent me I did not think that Wm. Henry would know me in the likeness for I have been gone so long from home you mention about the weather being warm there but you can form no idea how hot the weather is here and the fleas is dredfull (sic) troubealsom (sic) here so that we cannot sleep nights for them but there is no musquitoes (sic) here by the sea shore you say you was over home and Sam had wrote to me abut six weeks ago if he did I never got the letter but I will write to him in a few days I wrote to you about me being policeman here now and will be as long as the regiment stays here but I do not know how long that will be I like the buisness (sic) very well but I get no extra pay for it but I have no regimental duty to do as long as I do this I think if it was so that I could be near you and the rest of my folks I would follow the life of a solder in the preference (sic) of anything else if I did have to go in the field of battle sometimes for I love the life of a soldier very much and I ever live to come home I shall join the state militia as asoon as possible I see that Alvah (?) got his letter the same time you got yours I wrote home to let you see it let me know if he does and if he does not I will not write him any more I got John Wesley's (sic) likness and I think it looks very natural but it is rather dark for him I am very glad to hear that he is getting better but I will write him a few lines and send him so I expect you will get them noth at once but I have no news for either of you but I must write something I hope before this reaches you you will have got the letter and finger ring that I sent you on the 10th by out orderly Seargeant (sic) to Brooklyn I do not know when we will get paid again but when we do I will send some more home we have stores here as the same as you have up there so dear sife I must now draw this to a close by sending you my love you must excuse this short letter for I must write a few lines to

NTE: Letter incomplete

Washington D.C. August 29th 1862

Dear Wife I now write you a few lines to let you know my whereabouts in the land of the living I am here in Washington (sic) in good health and spirits and I trust in God these few lines may find you the same I wrote 3 letters to you when I was on Governors Island (sic) but you got none of them in time to come and see me but keep up good courage and trust in God that we may yet meet again in this world of trouble I expect in a few days to go back to my regiment then I will write to you all as soon as possible I hope you can have got those letters that I wrote on Governors Island it was my wish that you would write no more letters to me until you heard from me I will let you know when to answer my letters it is near time for the mail to close so my letter is short do not let any one know that you have heard from me I will direct all my letters to John Wesley until I get back to my regiment give my love to him and all his children you may tell Mother where I am but tell her to keep it secret I must now close so good bye dear wife for the present

From your affectionate Husband  
Edward T. Seaman

NOTE: Now at Washington, his whereabouts is still a secret

Governors Island (sic)  
New York Harbor August 21st /62 (1862)

Dear Wife and Brother

I now write a few lines to you again to day to let you know where I am at present but I have sent you two letters this week one on Monday and one yestardy(sic) and I have loked (sic) very anxiously for you to come here' to see me but I suppose and I am sure you have not got the letters I think that it is my fault through ignorance I only put a 3 cent stamp on them when I ought to have put on four cents one for the carrier to the post office as soon as you get this come to New York as soon as possible' come down to the Battery at Castle Garden and any one will tell you how you can get over on the island I should like very much to see you and John Wesley and the expenses of coming here would be nothing to what the joy of seeing you both would be when I wrote on Monday I expected to be sure to see you here on Wednesday Now you cannot get here before Saturday we may be gone before that time but I hope you will come down and see if we are gone when you come ask for the Provost Marshall and tell him how long since you have seen me and I think he will send an officer with you and if he does not enquire for Castle Williams and any one of the men will show you where it is enquire for my name and they will call me and if we are gone the Provost Marshall will tell you if I should be gone before you get' here do not write any more letters to me untill you hear from again and(sic) if you see David Brooks do not tell him or any one else that I have been here if you tell my Mother tell her to keep it secret for I do not want it known that I have been here I wrote in my first letter how I came to get here but the next letter that I write I write (sic) I will give you the full account of it I suppose if John Wesley comes down he will want some leather so it will not be a fools errand but it is reported here now at dinner time we leave for Washington this afternoon but I should not think they would send me there for our regiment is at Hilton Head but if I should be here I should like to see you very much but if I could not see you now dear wife kiip up good courage and keep prepared to meet me in that world where we shall (?) no more but I trust in God that we may yet meet in this land of trouble give my love to John Wesley and his dear wife and all his dear children and my dear mother and tell her to keep this secret but be sure not write any more (sic) untill you hear from me again So good bye Dear Wife but keep up good courage and live in hopes that we may meet again do noth think this letter is false for it is from you ever loving Husband

Edward T. Seaman  
Govenors Island (sic)  
New York Harbor

I think it is very likely we will be gone but you can find out at the battery  
good bye

NOTE: His presence in New York Harbor is supposed to be kept secret

Washington Sept 24th 186?

Dear Wife I now write to you for I am in a great Hurry for I am ( -- ) to let you know that I am well and hope these few lines find you the same to day (sic). I got a letter from my capt. Allen and two from my comrades and two that you and Mother had sent there and one from D. Brooks and one from Richard (?) Johnson. They was sent to me from Post Royal. My Capt. wrote me a most splendid letter and wants me to come back which I will do as soon as possible. I will send you the letter that one of the boys sent me so that you can see what the Capt. thinks of me. I will send you the one he sent me and as soon as I get my papers to go to my regt. but I will write to you again to morrow (sic). If you have not got one dollar to send to me ask Mother to let you have one to send to me for I need a little money to buy tobacco (sic) with and send it as quick as possible but I will write to you to morrow (sic) but this will leave here tonight.

So good bye for to night (sic). But I will write to morrow (sic).

From your sincere(?) Husband  
E.T. Seaman

Please try to get me a dollar somehow or other for if I go to my regt. I must have tobacco



Sept. 30th 1862

Dear Cousin and Aunt Elizebeth (sic)

I now take the greatest of pleasure of writing to you a few lines to inform you that i (sic) am well at presant (sic) and hopeing (sic) when you receive this letter it will find you all in the same good health. Aunt Elizebeth(sic) and Cousin Emeline you must excuse me for not writeing (sic) to you before because i (sic) have not had time. When i (sic) came from Old(possibly Manhattan) i(thought) my kind of soldiering would be kind easy of what infantry was but if they call this easy i(sic) beleive (sic) i (sic) dont (sic) want any. Yesterday about one one0 clock (sic) i (sic) went to me valesse to get some paper to write you a letter because i (sic) promise to write you as soon as got here (sic) but i suppose i am like a great many men what they tell today they will forget tomorrow. But as i (sic) was going to tell you the mail came in and calling off the names they called Hnr. David Brooks and i (sic) was glad when i (sic) look (sic) at the directions. It came from my own Dear Cousin Edward and i (sic) was so glad to hear from him that every chance i (sic) had that afternoon i (sic) had to set down (sic) to read it over and over for it sounded so mutch (sic) like old times together one minute i(sic) would be laughing to hear what good times we had together. But i (sic) am afraid them times is played out but we both expect and hopeing (sic) we all will return home again but i (sic) think our chances is again us (sic) we may if God spares us. That was the 3rd letter i (sic) got from him but i (sic) suppose you all know more about it than i (sic) do . Dear Aunt and Cousin i (sic) like here as well as i (sic) expected and great deaã better we have a good house to live in and that is more than great many soldiers have. There is a Regiment of Soldiers here out side (sic) of the fort and i (sic) see how they fare without a house they have tents besure but on the ground there is traw(sic) and the men roll them selfs (sic) into it like so many hogs it is hard to see it but i (sic) suppose they ant the only ones. Dear Cousin Emeline and Aunt Elizabeth you forgive me for for (sic) all the mistakes and you must write to me as soon as you can and i (sic) will do the same so now i (sic) must close this letter for i (sic) got to go on guard, so now (sic) more at present.

So Good Bye for the present

Give my best respects to all inquiring friends

I remain your Cousin and

David Brook

Direct your letter to Fort Marshall Baltimore Maryland 5 Artillery Co. E.  
Care of Capt. Crane

Dear Cousin,

I now write you a few lines to let you know that I received your letter and that I was glad to hear that you was well but dear cousin I cant (sic) say that I am well this time for I have got a prety (sic) bad cold and I've got a big bile (sic) on the caf of my lage (sic) and it paines (sic) me very mutch (sic). it has bin (sic) a long time since I have hird (sic) from you you said that you wrote to me on the 8th og August and havent received ant ancer (sic) from it yet i received the letter and ancered (sic) it twas broke open there a miss stake (sic) ther (sic) is a jersey (sic) regiment duing (sic) provase duty in alexandria (sic) and he got it and and the (sic) was som (sic) of our fellers on got (sic) to to a brige (sic) and the fellow that had the letter got a talking with one of our fellars and he asked him if he know a feller by the name of Wm H. Seamman and he said he did and gave him the letter I was surprised wen (sic) I opend (sic) the letter and see (sic) you was at washington (sic) I cant (sic) call you to min rite (sic) off for it (?) a long gone (sic) you was at Charlston (sic) Cousin have you ben (sic) transfird (sic) out of the 47th to the 10th new jersey (sic) rigment (sic) dear friend I havent (sic) new news to tell you only wee (sic) have a grate (sic) many recrutes (sic) in our company they are from Long Island wee (sic) was sent in the last battles that was fart (sic) in maryland (sic) for our Brigade was cut up so that we wasent (sic) fit for duty wee dint (sic) have over 1200 men after the battles of bull run and manhasses and outhar (sic) fites (sic) but wee (sic) have got some recrutes in our brigade and I expect wee (sic) will be (??) in a nother (sic) battle soon you ast (sic) me to get a pass and to com (sic) and see you I wold (sic) like to but I cant (sic) get one to go to alexandria (sic) but I wold (sic) like to see you very mutch (sic) john (sic) and and town smith las (sic) up to washington (sic) some wares (sic) I now close my letter excuse my poor writing and miss stakes (sic) ancer (sic) this letter as soon as you can

This is from your  
Cousin William H. Seaman

Note: From a cousin who fought at Bull Run

Dear Wife, I now writē to you these few lines to answer your kind and welcome letter which I received to day (sic) I thought it strange that I did not get one before today I was afraid you did not get the last one that I wrote I have not got the paper that you said Mother sent me but I hope that I will get it to Morrow (sic) I was glad to hear that you was all well as this leaves me at present I have wrote to William H. Seaman since I received his letter but his brigade has moved from Camp Carney and I have not heard from him since you say you wish that I must try and make myself contented here for we can hear from each other so much oftener it is desire (sic) not to go in the field with this regt. for if I do go with them I will have nothing to show for it and if I fall on the field you can never get any bounty from the state of New York while the men in this regt. now is getting 6 dollars a month which you might get if you would move in the state of New Jersey which I am sure you will not do they are taking every man now here from any regt. that will join the regulars in their service some of the boys in this company have joined it to get their back pay and they will have to serve no longer than their time of their (sic) enlistment I have thought a great deale (sic) about joining the heavy artillery if I cannot get back to the 47th after I get my pay if I cannot do no better I think that I will join them and serve out the remainder of my time in the service those words you wrote to me about the war would soon come to an end (sic) I wish that your prayers might be answered I heard from all the troops yesterday they are all on the move you said John (?-possibly Seaman) Uncle Johns Sons (sic) was in the Monitor regt. I think that McClēlan (?) is on advance to Richmond once more I see in the papers to day that the 47th had been in a fight on the Savannah and Charleston Railroad and they lost a great many men but I had a letter from George W. Farley (?) on Wndnesday (sic) He said they had orders to march but he did not know at what moment it may be for the best that I was not there it may be all for the best for Elbert Von Nostrand that he gave himself up to Kelsey Killpatrick but if he had ever had followed me as he did him it would be a sorowffull (sic) time for him if he tooke (sic) me in a comp such as comp (?) in the 47th but I suppose he must show off Now as usaul (sic) for to keep up (--??) So Now Dear Wife I must now draw this to a close by sending you my love for the chaplain is here now and the Drum is for assembly to fall in to hear the service I had a long talk with him to day I must hear him this afternoon and to night besides tell mother that I will writē to here (sic) in a few days tell John Wesley that I send my love to him and family and Mother Do pleast to write to me more often than you dou (sic) for I should be happy to hear from you more often than I do for there is several of you to write to me and I am all alone to write to the whole of you. So good bye now Dearest Wife for the present.

From your Affectionate Husband

Edward T. Seam,

NOTE: Mentions a possible relative who was with the Monitor regt., rumors of McClēlan marching on Richmond and his former regt. in a skirmish on the Savannah Charleston Railroad.

Washington D.C.

December 16th. 1862

To you my Dear Wife,

I now with pleasure sit down with pleasure to write you a few lines to write you a few lines to let you know that I just received your letter of the 15th which I was very glad to receive it is now 12 o clock (sic) at night and I have just got back from near Fredericksburg but we leave here again to Morrow (sic) Morning at 7 o clock (sic) so you must excuse me for these few lines but Dear Wife write as often as possible for when I return I always look for News from My dear friends at home. I hope you will not forget to write often to me if I do not answer your letters regular. I wrote to you last Saturday the morning that we left here I see by your letter that there has been several (sic) deaths of my acquaintance since I left home but I hope that they was prepared to meet their fate if you find out where David Brooks is gone to let me know in you (sic) next letter tell Mother not to forget to write to me if I do not write to her for you know how much time that I have to write tell John Wesley the same gove my love to them all and tell Adelaide I should be very happy to hear from her once more so you must excuse me for the present

good bye Dear Wife for the present  
 but I still remain your sincer(sic)

Husband

Edward T. Seaman

Dear Wife,

It is with great pleasure that I write to you to inform you that I received yours of the 4th and I was glad to hear that you were all in good health as this leaves me in the same with the exception perhaps of a sore hand which I have had. I was very glad to hear that you received the likenesses which I sent but I am astonished that you did not receive the letter which I sent along with them/ Since wrote my last I have been to a place called Aquia Creek Virginia sixty miles below this city we were sent as an escort to the pay master who was going to pay the troops lying (?) at the front of the army after a short stay we returned to Washington If it had not been for this along with my sore hand which is now getting better I would have written to you more often I was very sorry to hear from your letter that James Stillwell is dead he will be greatly missed in Roslyn where he was so much respected I also regretted to hear of the death of Mrs. Kirby(?) which is announced in your letter. You express the wish that I might have a happy Christmas and New Year. Well these two days passed off very quietly here in the city and in the camp.

There was of course a great deal of visiting going on amongst the residents here who occupy high positions in the government. The president received the officers of the War and Naval Departments on that day they were dressed in full uniform and glittering with gold lace and tinsel. They looked splendid as they passed along the avenue to the White House.

I am glad to hear that Frs. Butons (sic) boy is gettin better of that fall that he got some time since. I will try hereafter to write more often and I would (?unreadable) for the reasons which I have already given. In conclusion I send my love and regards to your mother and the Janey (?) and John Wesley and I send my love to Adelaide and (?) and William Henry and I am very glad to know that you are pleased with with (sic) the likenesses. I almost forgot to tell you that I received a letter from David Brooks. He is well and is stationed ~~xxxx~~ now at at Fort Marshall (?) Baltimore, Md.

I received last week a medal from Capt. Allen for bravery at ( James ) Island (?) and as a slight (?) token of his regard for my worth as a soldier and as a man shich under(sic) his command.

In Conclusion I Remain as ever Your  
Affectionate  
Husband  
Edward T. Seaman

Jan. 20th, 1863

Washington, D.C.

Dear Wife, It is now with pleasure that I now write to you a few lines to answer your kind letter which just came to hand and those verses is very nice but I was laying down on my bunk reading the same ones when I opened your letter and found the same ones in there. My Song shall be of Jesus. I was pleased to hear that you was all well but I cannot say that for myself for I have got a very bad cold the small pox is very thick around here there was one man taken out of our camp yesterday with it it is all over the city I hope there is not much up there. I see by your letters that there has been a great many of my acquaintances died off since I left there I thing that James M. Stillwell must be very much missed there for he was an enterprising man and much beloved by all that knew him does De Witt Bennett's family is keeping house on the shore yet and please to let me know if there will be much moving up there this spring you mentioned about my pay I only got two months about christmas and I was in debt some for tobacco and some other things and I paid that off and I bought a pair of gloves and a pair of boots which cost me 7 \$ and so my money did not last me but a short time but I am sure that I spent none of it follish the soldiers cannot get any spirita liquor here but they often feel very fine on ale I was in hopes at one time that I would be back in the 47th before this time but it may be all for the best I see in the papers that the 47th has gone to Key West Florida since Capt Allen sent me that medal I think this regt. will never go in the feild for they are will liked here in this city for they are no military men and they let the authorities do just what they like with them and that does not suit me at all but I suppose I must put up with it for a short time I have not seen one week of comfort at doing my duty since I have been here for When I was in the feild there was no airs put on there for they dare not do it for on Sunday the 15th of last June we had our catridges dealt out to us for the advance to Charleston the next morning and the Leutenant of camp K dealt out one that laid him low on James Island he was hated by the whole regt and I am sure if this regt should ever go in the feild there would not one half of the officers ever come out alive for if they were not killed by the enemy they would by their own men for after the first fire the ranks is sure to break and before they can rally them again we can shoot who we see fit but for my part I hope that I will never see that chance again if I cannot see it in the 47th you mentioned about Davis brooks not getting any letters from me H have wrote to him but got no answer if you have not wrote to him tell him to write to me and I will answer it directly but let me know in your next his directions and I will write to him again I was sorry to hear that he has the rheumatism so bad for sickness in the camp is not alike being home where we can have a wife or mothers care taken of us the last letter that he wrote to me he said that he well remembered the words that I wrote to him from Hilton Head they was as long as he could get one meals victuals never

put on Uncle Toms. Harness and now he says he wishes he had took my advice but it is too late for him to repent I wish that it was so that I could go and see him but I cannot for I am on guard most any day I forgot to emntion that my hand is near

Washington D.C.

Jan. 27, 1863

Mrs. Emeline Seaman

I assume the liberty to inform you that your husband Edward has received a letter from you to-day. he sent you a letter last night, and he has received imperative orders to return to his Regt. he is away to-day on special business business connected with it, and he desired me to write to you while he was necessarily absent he will leave Washington to-morrow for Baltimore at this place he will proceed in a boat for Fortress Monroe, Va., thence he will go by sea to his destination Key West, Florida. He is very cheerful and seems glad to get back to his old Regt the 47th New York. he tells me that he will have six months transferred to this company and there is none in it for whom I entertain a higher personel regard

Of one thing you may be certain he will be treated better and be more respected by the officers of his own Regt. than he was in this. after he leaves I will inform you as I have said

Respectfully,

Thos. J. Heron

Co. F. 10th New Jersey Vol.

Washington D.C.



I like to forget to tell you this generals name this regt  
is in no Brigade but General Wadsworth has the comand of it  
I will save the other envelope to send the last letter in from this  
place

Good bye dear Wife but

expect to hear from again in a few days

47th Regt N.Y.s.v.

For Mrs. Emeline Seaman

Roslyn

From  
E.T.S.

Queens County

Long Island

N.Y.

47th Regt. N.Y. S.V.

Mrs. Emeline Seaman

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Washington 16th 1862

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Dear Wife I now write to you a few lines to answer your most welcome letter which I just received. I am pleased to hear that you are all well as this leaves me at present. I think it is very strange that I have got no letters from Davie Brooks if he has got three letters from me. My dear wife I am in hopes that I can get back to the 47th again but if I cannot I will stay here until I get paid but- I am determined not to go in the field with this regt- for I am not sworn in to it- and they cannot hold me here if they get paid this month it will be a long time before I get any pay but I will do the best I can. You say that you are in hopes that the war will soon be ended that we poor soldiers may return home but I think I will never live to see end of this war for the rebels is sure to keep up their scouting raids until the last man of them is killed. My Dear Wife if I stay here this winter it will take all my two months when I get it to get me things to make me comfortable for I must have a pair of boots and a pair of gloves besides some bed clothes for now I sleep on the boards with nothing but one blanket and you can judge what kind of sleeping that is these nights- I am very sorry that I am situated as I am but Dear Wife you as myself must make the best of all our troubles. Those (-) that you sent me was very good and I am determined to follow (-). I sent a letter this morning to Alexandria to W.H. Seaman and I expect he will come and see me in a few days for he sent word by one of the boys in his regt. if he see any one that he knew tell him so it is only 7 miles from here. Tell John Wesley that I should be very happy to receive a letter from him but I must excuse (sic) him and you must excuse (sic) me for this letter for I am guard (?) now and I must close it by sending my Dearest love to Mother John Wesley and Janey and her Dear children if you see John Throne (?) tell him that I wrote to him on the 8th of this month and if he comes here again tell him to come and see me. I will write to (?) to Morrow if I have time. So good bye Dear Wife for (sic) the present but I ever remain your Dear and loving Husband

E.T. Seaman

You must excuse (sic) this for it is now dark

3/21/63

My Dear Wife I must write a few lines to you for I love to do so I was sorry to hear in your letter of the 28th that you had not got the money at that time but i hope you have got it before you get this the money that was sent by the rest of the boys reached their homes on May first so I suppose that you have got it I am sorry that you did not get the time that you was at the office if you needed it you must use it for whatever purpose you need it for there is a rumor here that we will get paid again in a few days and if we do I shall send some home aright off for I know you must need it you wrote you should like to have some more cotton but I am in a hurry to post my letters now but I can send you a little in evry letter if you would like to have it I will send you some in the next letter that I write tell Mother that I will write to her in a few days if I have a chance which I hope I may I was glad to hear that your brother Edwin has got to be a reformed man for now he can see the folly of wild days I have had the experience of that myself that is a good way to tell I was very glad to get a letter from Richard Johnson Hester sent me a small book called corporal Murry of the fifth regiment united states infantry if you see her tell her that I thank her very much for it I was glad to hear that they was all well I must now draw to a close for it is near time for dress parade and I am sitting on my blanket writing with nothing on but my shirt and pantaloons and the hat that I brought from home I have cut up my fine shirt to make a havelock of to keep the gnats and mosquitoes off my neck for they are a great plague here if we have to leave here I will have to leave my coat that I brought from home or else give it to some of the negroes for I cannot carry it the weather is so warm here now but I will write home again soon if I get the chance so you must excuse me this time but ever remain your loving Husband

Edward T Seamans

Edisto Island

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Direct your letters the same as before for if we leave here the mail will follow us

good bye dear wife



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