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1/3/5 Roanoke North Carolina Feb. the 18 1862

Dear father and Mother I now take my pen in hand  
to let you know that I am well at present we have  
left Annapolis we was on board the Boat by the name of the north  
amer five weeks we was anchored in Pamlico Sound three weeks  
toffred by the waves of the briny ocean and had ~~one~~ two  
ginty of water a day and one pint of Coffee and Eight Cane bers  
the Cane bers would cost one half of a pound and one pound of salt  
beef per day I have seen one pint of pure water sold for one dollar  
one dollar paid for one pound of tobacco and at that time in the  
the Ship y could not hear no gunning the love of Country  
beet high in every voice shouting beart we was in a condemned  
Ship and had one thousand twenty men a board and six horses  
we had a head wind when we crossed the short strait between the  
rowled Mountain high our old Ship Cane bers in every joint but  
we went bravely over and now we are on Roanoke Island look on  
the West of north Carolina between Albermarle and Pamlico Sound  
and you can see where we now reside that we have paid for our <sup>home</sup> present  
and made the Soil of north Carolina red with the white man's blood  
but the god of battle was with the brave sons of the north the 7  
of february will be long remembered in north america when our little  
fleet Comenzed fire on the rebel batteries on the Roanoke Shore  
they had the forts of seventeen guns a piece the bombardment



The whole day and they silenced the guns on one fort and that  
gave us a chance to land and try our luck and it was a sight to  
us land on their shore and march through the tall grass and  
mud and water to the dry land the Enemy was on shore to fight  
but the balls from one of our fifty six pound howitzer guns drove them  
out of sight and <sup>21</sup>the was soon ordered on guard to keep them off  
and we was ordered in the woods and it rained all that  
long night we was with them and early Saturday  
morning <sup>25</sup>the 23 and 24 Nov. came marching their way past us  
with the stars and stripes flying over their long lines of living  
human beings and the Enemy was ready to face them  
and we could hear the crash of resounding arms and men  
that the battle had begun and in earnest we formed in line  
of battle and soon marched to the scene of action and it was  
a terrible sight to greet our eyes our Colonel told not  
to fire until that we could see our march he led us through  
the battle field amongst the dead and dying until  
we could see their battery and there we formed in line  
of battle in sight of the rebel fort and ~~in~~ in advance  
of our own army and then ~~we~~ <sup>21</sup>the had their chance in  
we each man picked his mark and the rebels flew  
like chaff before the wind and we was ordered to the charge  
and one thousand beyond was pointed out at the  
fore and the stars and stripes of the twenty first was the



to wave over their feet led in by their brave commander  
Colonel May. In the with sword in hand was the fight  
on the fort we had to fight in a swamp with water and  
mud up to our waists and they had dry land our loss  
was heavy our regiment lost in killed ninety men and thirty  
nine wounded the the american loss was thirty killed and  
one hundred wounded the Rebel loss in killed was  
over one hundred and fifty men killed and we have got our  
hospitals full of their wounded and have taken five thousand  
prisoners and four thousand stand of arms seventy two cannons  
six hundred barrels of flour and provisions enough  
to feed the whole army for six months

Old Joe is not hurt badly yet he is not homesick  
but ready to fight for his Country and if need  
bea lay down his life in the Cause of his Country

This from your son Joseph has then  
direct your letter to Washington. Buensides division  
Direct your letter to ~~Captain~~ General Sigovide

in case of Captain Richardson  
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