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Camp Butler Mar 23

Dear wife I write to you
a few lines to inform
you that I am ^{well} & expect
to leave in morning for
the south we go to New
Orleans I have received
no letters from you since
I have been here I would
have been very glad
to have heard from
you before I left here
as I do not know when
I will get to hear from
you. we got our guns
to day I would like
for you to write as soon
as you get this as I want
to hear from you you
must direct your letter
to me in case of Cap

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47 Regt Ill Vol
via Cairo Ill To
follow Regiment I have
already written five letters
to you if you direct
your letter as above it
will follow ~~the~~ me
to the south I can
not think of much to
write at present I think
we will not have to stay
long in the army as
I believe the war is drawing
to a close fast every
paper we get still brings
better news that the
rebels are getting whipped there
is a great many men
going from here every
day to the front Miss
Laura Ely for me so good
by for the present Wm McCoy