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Description: Eben S. Calderwood wrote to his wife Mary that the six stamps she sent should be plenty as the regiment would not serve longer than its nine-month enlistment.

joy
Tell Sarah M. I wish her much[^]
E Roberts will write you a
letter in full what he thinks
of the war

[illustration]

Headquarters Camp Batonrouge Louisiana
Reg't Volunteers, Comp.
April^{the} 15 1863

Dear Wife

your letter to day
I recieved[^] was glad to hear from you
I am well & hope this will find you
the same your letter was mailed Mar^{the} 13
and had 6 p-stamps in it that will be
as many as I shall want. you need
not think that they will try to keep
us longer than 9 months for they want
us to come again and will try to keep
good friends but if I get out of
this I never shall come again for
13 dollars per month if I could get
2d Lieut pay 105 dollars a month

I would talk about coming back
I could ~~eat~~ such food then as I had a mind
to but we live well now I have sold
14 dollars ^{worth} of meat and rice since we
messed by our selves and bot flour
and other things that we wanted
I have not seen Seth since I recieved
your letter but he is in the Hospitable
eking Benj. Avey and Hiram Smith
is in the Hospitable Hiram is quite
suck but I think he will recover again
our tent is but a few steps from the
Hospitable that he is in and I see
him often. They was fighting yesterday
Franklin where I was 18 years ago but
we was not called upon the Col told
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house with a Rebel Officers Wife
I suppose every thing is Honest
she went to see her husband last
week they said the Colo let her go.
but the south is growing weaker they have
got all the force in the field that they
ever can get and niggroes are joining
our army all the time they have got
five niggro Regt in Lo^u and they
come down by Port Hudson most every
night on logs and in canoes. A few
weeks more will soon pass away and
I hope we shall meet hand & hand
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From your Husband
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