

(1862)

On Steamboat Galena  
Dear Bro

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two miles above City Point  
with a big fight going on  
we shelled the sons of bitches  
for four hours yesterday afternoon  
& are all ready to give it to  
them again today the reports  
from the boys are that the  
Galena gave them hell  
We have been fighting for  
six days more or less it is  
said that our forces took 4000  
prisoners last night Old  
"Stonewall Jackson" was  
killed Magruder & Longstreet  
are prisoners McClellan has  
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five miles above city point  
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the worst of it if we do  
not get reinforcements very  
soon the rebels out number  
us five to one in my opinion  
I have not time to write to  
Lily I have been up all the  
time for the last two or three  
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Truly Yours  
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To EBW

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