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Description: John W. Day of the 14th Maine wrote to his brother-in-law
James Mathews, describing his regiments march to Georgia in 1865.

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