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Description: Letter from Luther Lawrence to his brother, written in Beaufort, South Carolina.

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One thing certain not we shall get
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boys. The weather is very warm here.
Warm days & cool nights is the
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Hat to day and ^(paid) \$5. worth about
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