



Camp near Beal Station  
April 19<sup>th</sup> 63

My Dear Father

I have only  
time to write you a line  
to let you know that we  
are about to cross the river  
what the results will be  
nor do I care if it results  
in victory to our cause.  
I would gladly write  
you a long letter and  
tell you our adventures  
since we left camp  
near Bell Plain but have  
not time for it is now  
nine and we have just  
received orders to leave  
at 12. If you never get  
another letter from me

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Description: Pvt. John P. Sheahan on unknown future

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a more obedient son than  
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I had <sup>not</sup> seen her

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