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Chantilly, April 17<sup>th</sup> 1863  
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Description: Lt. George B. Stevens to wife, on camp life in Chantilly, VA

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