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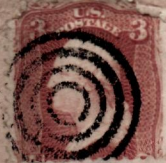
Feb 24th 1863

Dear Father and Mother

I have been thinking what to write and I think you ought to know I look for a letter every mail. The boys in Co B are all well. John Lawrence is promoted to first Corporal I am one notch higher than when I wrote you last so I am 4th now Co E, is the best company on the ground in the regular arms. We have to go aboard the boat every other night and there is only two corporals makes it six on and six off if you see me here it is pretty hard. It is very hot to day so that we have to drill with our coats off the other day (last Sunday) we went aboard the boat to reconnoitre we could see the rebel cavalry pickets but we were not allowed to fire on them one of the boats sunk the other night she was iron clad and her name the Greyhound she ran onto a snag there is nothing more to write about so I must conclude
Yours son
Edwin Steele

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Feb 25th/63

Dear Father and Mother

I have been thinking what to write and I think you ought oftener I look for a letter every mail The boys in Co B are all well John Lawrence is promoted to First Corporal I am one notch higher than when I wrote you last so I am 4th now Co F is the last company on the ground in the manual of arms. We have to go aboard the boat every other night and there is only two Corporals makes it six on and six off so you see we have it pretty hard It is very hot today so that we have to drill with our coats off the other day (last Sunday) we went aboard of the boat to reconoitre we could see the rebel cavalry pickets but we were not allowed to fire on them one of the boats sunk the other night she was iron clad and her name the Grey Cloud she run into a snag there is nothing more to write about so I must conclude

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