

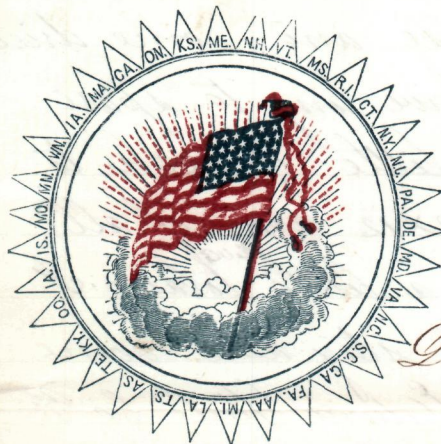
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in this country if you send
the box white and let me
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There is nothing very exciting
at present to write about so
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Yours son
Edwin Steel

P.S. The way we found out
about those boys was a flag
of truce which came down
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of men who gave themselves
up as prisoners of war.
E.S.

J. M. Whittemore & Co., 114 Washington Street, Boston.



STAND BY THE UNION.

Brasier City Ga
March 6th 1863

Dear Mother

I received
your letter and you may rest
assured I was very glad to hear
from you I have been sick more
or less for the last two months

Ben Roy is doing
well and he looks healthy and tough
all the boys in Co B are all well
with the exception of Thomas Lincoln
who is sick in the Hospital
I hope Grandma will get around
again because I know how she is
as cross as a bear The folks did
not give me the first thing to
eat on the voyage I wish you would
send me a box and send some

butter and cheese and some dried
fruit if you have any to spare
of it only a little of each to
make a box 12x12 and of all
things put in a little ^{powder} tobacco I
think we will stay here some
time address Edwin Steele Co of
160th Regt N.Y. of New Orleans La.

If you send me a couple of Postage
Stamps It comes very handy

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Brasier City La March 6th/63

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welcome letter last night and was
very glad to hear from you You
want to know how the country
looks it is a low wet muddy kind
of country at Thibadeauxville it
was so low that when we busied

the dead the coffins had to be held
down so that we could put the
dirt on the coffins were all afloat
so you see in this country after a man
is dead he is drowned as for Ben
Boys he is well alive and kicking
We do not know whether we will
go to Fort Hudson or not I do
not think we will I received
the papers all right papers come
just as well as letters as
for my chances to kill a Rebel
I have had two or three but I
could not fire without orders
I must tell you of one thing one
man from God and two from Col
tried to desert so they went to the
other side and the Rebel have
got them and they are at work
on a Rebel Gunboat carrying coal
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in her letter what I wanted

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