

Headquarters 160th Regt. N.Y. Vol.
Camp Stearns Bayou Boon March 30/63

Dear Friends

It is with deep and sorrowful feelings that I sit down to inform you that your son is no more. He died while bravely fighting the battles of his country. Such is the fate of war. As he has probably told you in his letter his company have been detailed as guards on the Gun Boat for some time past.

It was on the 27th that the engagement took place, and we have just got the particulars to night. There were five killed from Co I & I haven't learnt how many wounded.

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first fire. They say he lived about one hour
after being shot. Dearest Aunt, bear up under
this sad affliction. he sacrificed his young
life in a glorious cause, and be thankful that
in losing Eddy you still have one left. This unholy
Rebellion has devastated many homes, and probably
will a great many more.

Assuring you of my deepest
regrets and advising you to trust in the God of
battles. I am your friend in affliction.

Benj W Royz

P.S. I learn since that there were 9 wounded among
them Capt Jewet very badly it is not expected that
he will recover. Capt Kirby is unhurt. The officers
wounded and dead are still in the hands of the
rebels. I will write again as soon as I hear
more particulars.

B W Royz

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