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Camp near morrisville virginia Aug 28 1863

My [underline] Dear [end underline] Sister I take this opportunity of writeing you these few lines to inform you that I am well at this time hoping letter may find you enjoying the Same Blessing I received your kind and welcome letter and was very glad to hear from you. when I Set down to write this Evening I intended to five you full account of of Every thing is going on But Since I Set down I find that I am not hardly Capable of writeing Such a letter as I would wish to do But we are all in hopes that Charleston the heart of the rebellion will Soon fall if So the Southern Confedercy with the loss of Vicksburg and teh Missippa is Split fair into we also have good news from North Carolina She has asked the goverment to protect her Shant we have Some glorious victories after while wait till fort Sumter and Battery [wgoner??] and we get full possession of the harbour then mobeal must Shurley fall with its own weight. you might See if you read the papers that there will Soon Be a general advance and victory will most assuredly Crown our Efforts rosener any is not geting ready to march for nothing he has never Been Been defeated yet general Banks is also moving and you will Soon hear of the army of the potomac moving

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there is only and thing Bothers me that is Cam affraise affred will be drafte a but I hope he room tell me if there is any talk of alfred gelling married tell me if John goes to See any Boday and sell me if pretty Soon be will be Sa old no Boddy will had be think that I have writen to nough for this time more I expect than you will read and another Thing I am in a hurry this Evening O Can write a very good hand when I take notion But I allways get barless when get near the and give my love loves to all the Boys that olose for this time ple ase enclose me ene Starry you what I want it for court to write to Vallie gample give my love to all enquering Friends beefing the urgest of have for four self O remain your affection de Brother David N Silley To This Sister good By and write Soon

there is only one thing Bothers me is that I am affraid alfred will Be drafted But I hope he wont when you write you must tell me all the news of Every thing that is going on around your places tell me if there is any talk of alfred getting married tell me if John joes to See any Boddy and tell me if ye your Sel ha got a we Bo for if you donny get one pretty Soon ye will Be Sa old no Boddy will ha yet I think that I have written Enough for this time more I expect thatn you will read and another think I am in a hurry this Evening I Can write a very good hand when I take notion But I allways get Carless when I get near the End give my love to alfred tell him them are nice letter he writes to me give my loves to all the Boys that I know of I will Close for this time please enclose me one Stamp I will tell you what I want it for I want to write too [underline] Sallie [end underline] gamble give my love to all enquiring Friends keeping the urgest I have for Your Self

I remain your affectionate Brother

David N Lilley To His Sister

**Annie Lilley** 

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