



Morris Island. S.C.
Feb 7th 1864.

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try and answer Annies letter to
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#ience of soldiers life. It is very dull at present, and I am not gifted as a writer, so I think that it will fail to interest you much.

But I will try and keep it along, and perhaps there will be some few things happen worth writing before I get home. Dont you let Lewis, or anyone else, worry you, about my not being able to get home after my three years are out.

If I stay any longer it will be by voluntary reenlistment. I have not much doubt there are some that would be glad to see the Government take that course in regard to the soldiers, for the sake of bringing trouble into the army, but I think they are bound to be disappointed.

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I am very sorry that you feel so much opposed to my reinlisting, as I should get a chance to come home this Spring, and I do not

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I have this pleasure to state
 that the papers have been
 sent, and that the business
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 for me to enter with after the war
 is over. I think it is the best thing
 I can do for my determination
 to do so.

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 my first night's letter to you
 for this time.

Yours truly
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