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Camp Suffolk March the 27th 1863  
I now seat my self to write a few  
lines to you to let you kno that I am  
well and hope that these few lines  
will finde you all well I have not  
much news to tell you there is not  
much a going on here or not much  
don toards bringing this war to a  
close the moste that I see going on  
is Offisers rideing around with the  
Fancy Women of Suffolk they have  
got this plase well fortifyed and keep  
lots of Pickets out to guard the plase  
and they feal safe here and verry  
unconcerned they have a gay old time  
Drinking and galling this is what prolongs  
the war is the big pay and the using of  
our Troops to guard a pack of drunken  
Debauched Offisers that cair for nothing  
onley the big pay and the chance they  
have to perform their meanness

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the offisers are not all of this class but  
there is to many of that stamp for the  
good of the Government there is some  
offisers there that are the true blu  
but they are over powerd by money  
seekers and offis worshipers that cair  
nothing for nobody but self. our  
Jeneral will send out a fource of  
troops and he stay here in side of the  
Fortyfycations and when we wer  
ingaged in battle have to send men  
on Horseback eight miles to get  
Commands or orders from the general  
I think that a general would

kno better what mooves to make  
if he was a little nearer by there is a  
great deal of ground lost by wateing  
for orders from head Quarters  
while we wer ingaged in the fight  
at the Desurted House we learn  
that General Peck had the Provo  
guard pack up his things and prepare

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to Escape to Norfolk I think  
that he is as big a coward as my self  
doe not le tany body see this that  
will publish it for the Miletary  
law would handle me hard for speaking  
ill of my superiors. the soldiers say that  
if General Peck gets to Hell first that  
there will be no danger of any more  
going there for he will have it so  
strongly fortifyed  
Good evening Catharine I put my  
writeing by to go on drill and when  
we come off from drill I found  
your letter here that was dated march  
the 20th and 21st and was glad to hear  
from you and to hear that you wer all  
alive there was an invellop in it with a stamp  
on Catharine you need not send me any  
more for I can manage to get them easyer  
than you can I hope that Mr Margeson  
will take the bush and make a nise lot of  
sugar for you tell them to handle the

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Store tub carefull so as to not brake  
the Chime. I expect to get sum pay  
in a few days but how much I cannot  
tell there is about sixty five dollars my

Due but I shall have to take just what  
they have in minde to pay me our  
Captain thinks they will pay us four  
months wages that will be fifty two  
dollars but I am afraid that they  
will only pay half. that will be twenty  
six Dollars be it more or less it will  
help sum you spoke about my comeing  
home I have no ideah that I can  
get a furlo if I should try every so hard  
there is a great many that is not able  
to purform duty and they will be  
the first to get furlows I would like  
to see my litle ones and you may guess  
whether I would like to see you or not  
it is all msot bead time and I shall  
have to close D Hall Mrs C H H