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Camp near Suffolk, Va, April 23rd

Dear Friend Alice,

It is with pleasure that I sit down to answer your kind letter which I received last Evening, Believe me, I was truly glad to hear from you again, I am as glad to get a letter from you as any person, we have moved some distance since I wrote to you before, we got marching orders a week ago last Sunday, but did not march until the next Wednesday, we marched to Alexandria, that was six miles it rained all the way, we took transports thair for Norfolk, we were on the Steam Boat two days and two nights, we did not enjoy our ride as well as we would if it had been pleasant,

we landed at Norfolk
Friday Morning about Ten o'clock
we stayed there until noon,
They were catching oysters there
by the Bushels, Norfolk is a
regular Secesh place, but it
is in the hand of our men,
at noon we took the cars and
came to Suffolk, here we struck
our camp, we traveled over two
hundred miles, and only had to
march six, there has been some
skirmishing a going on around
here for the past week, last
Sunday night, our men took
one hundred and fifty prisoners
and six pieces of Artillery,
yesterday they took five pieces of
Artillery and some prisoners,
I don't know how many, our men
drove the rebels out of their in-
trenchments, I have not seen a
reb yet but I expect to.

before long, we can see the
Smoke from their camps, from
our camp but cant see them
on the account of the woods,
They are on one side of the river
and we are on the other, I think
that our men intend to cross
the river and make them get
from their, I have seen peas
and potatoes that were up three or
four inches, peach trees has blown
and the blows has fallen off, peach
trees are green with leaves now,
Doron hear well Amice I
guess I have told you enough
about this country,

Amice you say it is lonesom up
their, I donte doubt that, I
know it is lonesom hear, more
so on Sunday than any other
time, but this war will close
after a while, then I think
the young people will enjoy

Themselves a little better
 than they do now, Donte you
 think by Inice my minde
 is on you the moste of the
 time yes Inice wait untill
 I get home and I will come
 and see you, if you Donte
 think you can do any better
 I am has not received his
 Bot yet I Donte know
 as he ever will,

I must close
 write soon

From an Ever kinde Friend
 Nellie
 Donte forgett to write

Excuse this writing
 Direct as before,