

C. W. W., Apr. 30, 1865
- from Selma, Ala.

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Dear Daughter

after waiting some
time I will try and answer your
kind and welcome letter which I received
a few days ago I would have written
sooner but we were on the march when
I got it therefore I could not answer
it until now it found me well
and all the rest of the Pittsburg boys
are well well, well Anna who has made
another march she left Blakeley on
the 20 of April and went over to
Mobile stay there one day then she
started for this place Selma it is
called 400 miles but she made this
march on boats there was some
fifteen or twenty steam boats loaded
with soldiers and there was three gun
boats along but we had now trouble
for willsons cavalry got there before

us and captured the place so who
had been told Selma is a very
pretty place in fact it is the prettiest
place I have been since I have been
in the South and the citizens are
very kind they give us milk and want
charge anything for it and they told
some of our boys that they had heard
come here before but as soon as they
could leave some who should come and
get some but at the same time they
are so shops but they are tired of the war
but I think the war is over and I hope
it is for I am afraid of the hot weather
in August but I hope I will be home
before that time, but I have a very
fine chance to write to day I am seated
in a grave yard under a tree it is
a very pretty grave yard there is some
splendid tombstones and some very
pretty verses on them I got a couple
dozen and I will send them to you
but I expect again you got them

they want look much like roses,
well Rena you said that they wanted
me to send a name for those balls well
I will and tell them I want them
to call it Selma. I think it is a pretty
name tell Aunt and Gram that I would
like to write to them but I have no paper
and no money and the boys are all out
of paper and money but I hope that we
will get paid of soon who were mustered
to say the government owes me 9 months
pay you said you were going to send
me your picture oh I wish you would
I would like very much to have it
and if we get paid of I will get pins
taken and send you and Calley one
if Gram has you must write a line
on the other side and send it to her
but I must close be a good girl
give my love to Uncle and Aunt Kate
and to our folks at home and dear
daughter Rena don't forget your self
Write soon dearest to dear Mary Louisa



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