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Falmoth virginia April 1863
Dear Sister
I received your letter But have Delayed answering until now that I might have Some thing of importance to Communicate But up to the present nothing of note has [underline] occurred [end underline]. I am well at this time hoping this may find you the [underline] Same [end underline ]. I received a letter from home they was all [underline] well [end underline]. I received one from Cousin [underline] Salle. [end underline] and they was all well I received a letter from Caroline She was well and appeared to Be very glad to hear from me She wants me to write to her again and I think I will as Soon as an opportunity offers.
I wrote to alfred But I suppose I will never get any anser from him every thing Still quiet here But a movement is anticipated [underline] Soon [end underline] the pontoon train moved yesterday and that looks as though we was going to Cross the rappahanock again as the rebbels are Said to have left
tis raining and Snowing and has Ben all Day. and it will prevent a movement for Some time for you know they Cant move artillery when the roads are Bad and infantry is no use without artillery to Support them we have only two hundred men in our regiment. when we left Baltimore we had Seven hundred and fifty men So you may know that our regt has Suffered a good Share of loss Since we have Been out. our first action was at fair oak at Saveges Station then at malvern hill then at maryland then at fredericburg I dont know where the next will Be I heard that we was going to Be kept for a Skirmishing Brigade But I Dont Crave the Job of Skirmishing tis not very pleasant. there is Some talk of us getting paid of this week and if we Do I will Send you my likeness if I Can find any way of getting it taken there is Som too or three men goes with the army for the purpose for your know they Can make money at it
they Boys of Company C are all well and hearty. Annie I wish you would tell alfred to answer my letter for I want to hear from him. I guess I have told you all the news that I know of my love to all inquireing friends and a Share for your Self excuse the shortness of this letter and write me a long one From your affect
Brother David Lilley
write soon and Direct as usual
David Lilley
to Annie
good By