

I hope the time  
 is not far distant  
 when we shall  
 be together again  
 but when it will  
 be got only now  
 but one thing is sure  
 this was cannot always  
 host I have no

news to write  
 as I do of My health  
 is good I was  
 must for a fortnight  
 pay last week and  
 shall get it soon  
 and will send it  
 to you as soon  
 as I get it. There is  
 hope after having

me and that will  
 help me & good in  
 Helen you must  
 write after give  
 my love to the  
 children and her  
 a kiss for you  
 your husband

Frank Patterson.  
 Helen you will excuse  
 me for not writing you  
 better as ever now & this  
 time for I am sick  
 & have been unwell for  
 a number of days but  
 I hope I shall get better  
 soon Love

Mar. 21, 1863

Camp John Manly  
 Nov 21 1862

Dear wife I  
 received your kind letter  
 last night and was  
 glad to hear that  
 you was well and  
 that the children was  
 the same. It is a  
 cold stormy day  
 the ground is all  
 covered with snow  
 I would like to  
 be at home with you  
 to day what a pleas-  
 ant time we would  
 have but that cannot  
 be at present but

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