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Fort Lyon April

Dear father and Mother
I thought I ^{would} write you
a few lines and let you
know that I am well as
common this leaves all
quiet here no trouble in
regard to fighting a few
nights ago we was all
called up about midnight
to fight but it was a false
alarm the most of the troops
has left here for the states
one company calculates to
go to day of mounted men
but we dont hear of our
going and I dont know as
we shall go until we go
home for good but when will
that be I often ask myself
but the answer does not come
we are a looking in every mail

to hear some good news from
the war but we dont hear
any verry good news yet we
expect to get some next mail
something from Charleston
about our iron clad fleet
the last we heard from them
they were inside of the bar
off near fort Sumpter and
one of them sunk but we
cant expect all of them to
go through safe under so
strong a fort as Sumpter
and Moultrie as I understand
their was a shot struck that
boat once a second for a long
time finally one shot struck
her below her iron plating
and she had to leave at the
fight and she sunk but
that is nothing if they
only get in to Charleston
about two hours will do

it seems as though
they were a getting rather
hard up down in Dixie
if we get the correct state
of things we take a paper
in our tent a weekly it
is the Missouri Democrat
a verry good paper
well father have you got
that likeness yet let me
know if you get it Gilbert
said he would send it
right along he got it safe
I suppose you think I have
been so long from home that
I dont care about a going
there that is not so I would
like to see you all and if
my life is spared and this
war should end inside of
one year I will soon be
in Old Peru my time is
more than half out

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