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Document: *Letter from Thomas Welsh to Mazie (Mary) Welsh (daughter), dated March 26, 1862*

Transcript:

Otter Island South Carolina
March 26th 1862

My Dear little Daughter -

I have just received your very good letter of the 13th Inst. and am much pleased to think that I have a little daughter that can write such an interesting letter. I am also much pleased to hear that you are well, and are all such good children. Tell Effie that Papa was very sorry to hear that she had been sick, but glad to hear that she is again very well. I am very well, and am very comfortably situated. the soldiers built me a very nice house to live in it has a door and window the ends are weather boarded but the sides and roof is canvas, it is about as large as your largest room up stairs. In it I have a very elegant sofa – one large room chair – and two elegant mahogany chairs and three tables – a stove and many other useful articles; now I think mamma might send one or two of my little girls here to keep house for me and then we could have so much fun, what say you, can Effie and you come, or had you ~~had~~ better send Lill & Alice, or perhaps Mamma would come and bring the whole family along.

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Tell mamma that I have appointed Lieut Kelsey Capt of Co. K. and Lieut Fessler 1st Lieut, and Calvin A. Budding 2nd Lieut. I have also detailed Lieut C. A. Budding to act as Adjutant for the present in place of Adj^t Gregg who I have appointed Capt of Co F. The old Capt of Company F having resigned.

Howard is again quite well he has left the Hospital and is ready for duty. Oscar Keller of Co. K. died last night with typhoid Fever. his father lies in Wrightsville and will no doubt be much troubled at the loss of his son. he was a fine young man, a good soldier and was a great favorite in the Company. I am afraid too that Wagner who was so badly wounded cannot live long, yet I hope he may recover – the other men who were wounded are nearly well.

The weather has been quite cold ever since I came here – it seems to be much colder in March than it was during the early part of winter. I like the cold better than the warm weather – don't you?



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All of the rest of Co. K. boys are well. I hope you will soon write again. Why don't Alice Maggie, Jim, Ann, Ellie, Lillie & Blanton all write, their letters would be so interesting. Good bye
Your loving papa
Th Welsh

[Envelope]

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Addressed to Miss Mazie Welsh, Box 192, Columbia, Lancaster County, Pa

Maggie, Jim and Ann are evidently members of the household, but his placing them in the order he did, between Mazie and Effie is interesting. Are they servants or children of servants?

Company K, I believe, is the company that was made up largely of boys from the Columbia area

Scope and Content:

Handwritten letter with envelope from Thomas Welsh to his daughter, Mazie. From Otter Island, South Carolina. Letter includes a description of the small "house" constructed for him by soldiers and its furnishings; mentions the weather; and details promotions and assignments made by Welsh as well as the health/death of soldiers. Encourages family to write. Envelope addressed to Miss Mazie Welsh, Box 192, Columbia.

