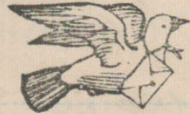


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Send this as the Soldier's Messenger to his home.  
Let it haste to those who wait for tidings.

..... Co. 5..... Regt. 2... Div 4..... Army Corps, 15  
Newbern N.C. Apr. 27 ..... 1865

Dear Brother I received your letter over a week ago but have not had an opportunity to answer it our army was ordered to get ready for another march on the 1st of May my regiment thought I was not able to march in the hot sun and keep up so he sent me down to Newbern along with a few hundred others I expect I shall have to stay there a few weeks I am in the General Hospital in ward 4 I expect to

go to work in the Bake  
ry in the Hospital in  
a day or two as soon as  
I feel well enough. I  
beginning I should like  
this place if there was  
not so many niggers here  
I expect we will  
be discharged in a few  
weeks but I can't tel  
l if the surgeons or his  
charged the \$2 will be  
so you will know by  
the papers as soon as  
I will whether I am  
a coming home or  
not this summer about  
t, old Laddington I don't  
know what to say if  
I was sure of coming  
home soon I would  
say let old Laddington  
rest untill I come I be  
lieve the old fool wants

to get his money back  
what he has paid and  
then he don't care if  
I had been home when  
the time run out I  
would put him thro  
ugh if it did cost  
me fifty dollars and  
then I would rent it  
to the person that had  
the most young ones  
in town provided I  
could get my pay  
I would plague him if I co  
uld if you should answer  
this soon as you get it I  
would be likely to get be  
fore I leave this place that  
e is know us in my wri  
ting about the war for the  
e papers tell all there  
is to be told I must close  
for it is most far k good  
Bye C. H. Hatch