

Letter dated June 24, 1862, Ship Island, from [Warren Teel](#) (Co. E, 26<sup>th</sup> Mass.), to school teacher Luther Conant, Acton, Mass.

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Stop Island Jan 24 1878

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Warren Teel

\*[USS R.R. Cuyler]

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