Letter dated June 24, 1862, Ship Island, from Warren Teel (Co. E, 26th Mass.), to school teacher Luther Conant, Acton, Mass.

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Ship Island June 24 1862

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I thought I would write to you now I have some time. I receive your letter the 22nd. I was very glad to hear from you. I began to think I should never hear any news from home but it came at last and good news it was to. I wish that I was going to school this winter the same as last not that I am home sick because I am very well contented with my lot here we Drill most of the time I just came of drill this morning we have Napsack Drill every other day and drill without them the rest of the time we drill about six hours a day it is not so pleasant drilling here as it is in Camp Chase becaus

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Warren Teel

*[USS R.R. Cuyler]

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Please give my best regards to your wife and to all the scholars and to all in quiring Friends

Write Soon here is a rose that is out on the Island

Poly give my best regards be your Mije and to all the Scholles and I all in generity I runds . Wash Soon shows a rose. 3 - Maligation the Statement