

Camp Esau near Ft. McRea Florida

Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 1861 } Amzi Harris  
                          } in care of } Yarrington  
                          } Capt. J. M. } Florida  
                          } Delay Co. C. 9<sup>th</sup>

Dear friend R. C. Regt Miss Vol

I do take the present opportunity to write you a few lines none more in my time that the God of Heavens have given me here on earth to serve Him in the right way. but I am affraid that I am not doing it as I ought

I am well at the present time and hope those few lines may find you enjoying the same gods blessing

We had a fine little battle the 8<sup>th</sup> of this month you have herd of it before this time though I will tell you something about but not all of the particulars of it. they was 64 of our men killed wounded and taken prisoners 315 of the yankees killed wounded and taken prisoners they was only 16 of them taken prisoners the remainder killed and wounded

Friend to death  
Major Harris to R.C. & M. J.C.

I have written to you  
write soon and let me know

We destroyed an immense sight  
of property for them we burnt every  
<sup>thing</sup> that was worth spending any time  
with such as Tents the Commissary  
suttlers & save nothing, spiked 9 canon  
burnt the carages of them &c.

We are expecting an attack from  
them every day. The reason  
that we don what we did do: Brown  
said that we was coward and was  
afraid to make any attempt to do  
any thing to them: you heard of them  
coming over to our side of the Bay  
and burning the Dry Dock and a  
small sail boat and we did not  
do any thing much to them (only  
<sup>killed</sup> four of them and wounded 14) this is  
one reason that we don what we  
did do to show them that we was not  
afraid of no such ~~soldiers~~ <sup>soldiers</sup> as  
they are and more than that  
we dar them to make any further attempts

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them get. <sup>perhaps</sup> I have them.  
she told me that she had not got  
do any thing to our side like they  
have don. The reason that we  
do not have a commanding  
her is President Davis do not want  
the property destroyed as long as it  
can be helpe for the navys masthead  
ery is worth a great amount of money  
besides the other property it has been  
told me by responsible men that  
they calculation of the property that  
would be destroyed on this side would  
be over \$300,000,000 Three Hundred  
Millions of Dollars. that is enough to  
told back for I think. what do you think

Robbert I have thought here  
of late of going to N.C. when my  
time is out to try to make up a com-  
pany for myself: if you think they  
would be any chance for me I wish  
you would let me know soon I am  
prepy well drilled both from squad  
Company Battalion Serumageing and

letter from her sometime ago and  
wrote I called for it I received a  
Brigade Drills also in the Manual  
of arms they are none in our  
Company that can beat me I am  
pretty surtain of that and can stand  
as good an examination as any of our  
Lieutenants this is what makes me want  
to be Capt of a Company myself.

Magg this property that was willed  
to me by My Mother and Father I can  
tell you that it my wishes that you  
will get it from Step Mother and take  
it to your own house and take care  
of it for me unto further orders if  
you cannot take all to your own  
home I think probily I can take the  
head to Miss tell stepmother to let  
you take them as it is my will  
and disiers that you should keep them  
unto I call for them or unto you  
die if I do not call for them before  
death. A few words from hand to  
eye to Step Mother: Mother I wis you  
would let Sister Magg have the  
property that My Mother and Father  
willed me at their death I told Sis-  
ter Magg before I left N.C. that if  
Father was to die and will me anythi<sup>ng</sup>  
before I ~~went~~ ~~went~~ back for her to  
take what was willed me and take care of