

Camp Bottle, Newport News Va.  
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Dear Mary;

I have only time to write you a  
line this morning as the boat is ready to go -  
I recd your letter last evening - written duly -  
I am sorry to say that it is quite doubtful  
about our starting from here tomorrow as was  
expected - There is some difficulty about getting  
boats to carry us - We are all very busy getting  
ready to go, and yesterday I had but little  
time to write. You must excuse this  
few lines and if I get time I will  
write you today.

Boat is whistling -

Your heart

Ros -