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Dear Father and Mercie

You will notice by the heading of this letter that we have changed stations since I last wrote you. We left [illegible] on Wednesday [illegible] in conjunction with the naval forces to take & occupy this fort. We [illegible] permanent with [illegible] 2.30 [illegible] detachment of [illegible] battery.