

Hospital Camp near Chat-  
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Honored Father Mother Brothe-  
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that I know of. I understand  
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received ~~no~~ letter since I wrote  
last but their may be one for  
me at the reg. The weather is pretty  
cool here now the wounded are  
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here till the reg comes back  
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I will close this for fear I will not be in time to send it off.

as ever your wellwishing son  
John Mills,

Hospital Camp near Chatanooga Tenn, 11<sup>th</sup> mo. 28<sup>th</sup> 1863 (November 28, 1863)

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