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Abstract: This collection contains one letter written by H. Johnson (rank unknown) to his wife Mary Johnson during the Civil War.

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Content Description
This collection contains one letter written by H. Johnson to his wife, Mary Johnson. Johnson was a soldier from Iowa who served near Vicksburg, Mississippi. Johnson writes home to his wife Mary and describes the miserable conditions of his camp and military hospitals. He writes, "A soldier that gets killed in battle is lucky to the sick one that goes to the Hospital. I think the Hospital one of the most miserable places this side of hell."

He also states "We are now before Vicksburg again. Expecting a battle daily. The Rebels have a powerful army and are well fortified in Vicksburg." It is not clear if he participated in the Siege of Vicksburg, but the letter was written in 1863 so it is possible.

Johnson describes his feelings of despair and hopelessness that he will survive the war: "I have all along until now lived in hopes of seeing you again but I have now given all hopes up. I think it will be an accident if I ever see home again."

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