

Camp Near Patrick Station Va

Feb 12th 1865

Dear Sisters

Your kind and
 welcome letter came to hand
 in due season and I was glad
 to hear from you once more
 but very sorry to hear Brother
 Eugene was dead. Mother wrote
 that he had the diphtheria but
 thought it was not dangerous.
 It beats all how our family
~~you~~ steps off. we cant tell
 who will be next. There is
 anely four of us now, and I
 hope I will live to see all that
 is left. I am well and hope
 when you receive this you will
 be enjoying the same blessings
 of life. The weather is
 very fine at present and we

are enjoying our selves as well
 as can be expected considering
 the deprivations that a soldier
 has to contend with

We had
 quite a fight down here the
 other day you could not hardly
 hear your self think and all
 it amounted to was to
 whip the Rebs and take there
 best work and there railroad
 and two wagons loads of cotton
 and a wagon load of navy tobacco
 the Rebs keep deserting all the
 time, one man come in
 the other night and he
 was dressed up to kill he
 sayd he had them sent from
 home and he thought he
 would try the union army
 he sayd that they was paying
 off in there Brigade but
 he did not care for that

for that money was not
 worth any thing. Well I suppose
 may is married, as the fellow
 says she is married ~~of~~ out of
 this world of misery,

well I can't write to day
 any how,
 yours truly Milton B. B. B.

White Swan

P.S. did charity Baker write
 a letter to me or did. doleskey
 or don't you know any thing
 about it - please tell me in your
 next