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Dear Brother

I will send you
a few lines to inform you
of my present position and
health. I am getting better
all the time and my hand
is healing faster than was
expected. my health is impro-
ving. In the first place, my
hand was not hurt so very
bad, but I got cold in it and
that made it worse than it
would have been. My finger^s
are stiff and my arm is stiff
and I think that my wrist
will be stiff but time will
determine these things

Laurel Dick
Friend Edgar M. Dick
by W. S.

(You wished me to get a
Furlough. But at this time
the giving of furloughs is
forbidden, by our head officers
and that way of coming home
is impossible at the present
time, The Gunboat Tuscomba
which was built at this city
was launched on last Monday
it is one hundred and fifty
feet long and seventy feet
wide, the hull is plated with
three inch iron, the deck is to
be plated with inch iron
it is to carry three Eleven inch
Dalghren Guns they weigh
15,860 lbs apiece, the ball weighs
one hundred and twenty
eight pounds

I. Received a letter ^{from} you
the first of this month
it came to me all right.
I will not write you any news
about the war but will send
you a paper which contains
all the news which we get here
We are all looking anxiously
for the Presidents Message but
have not seen it yet.

I send my best respects
to you all and hope that
this will find you enjoying
good health Give my love
to Grandmother Fowler and
to all of Grandfathers folks
Your Brother
Edgar M. Dick
To Assa Dick