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Biographical Information:

John H. B. Jenkins of the 40th New York Infantry. Further information about this individual or organization may be available in the Special Collections Research Center Wiki:
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Scope and Contents

Letters, 1862 March 16-June 5, of John H. B. Jenkins (of the 40th New York Infantry) to Mary A. Benjamin, Smyrna, Del., describing camp life and the progress of the war especially in the battle of Fair Oaks and conditions in Hampton, Va.

3 items.

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5 June 1862. John [Jenkins], "Camp at Fair Oaks," [Va.], to Mary A. Benjamin, Smyrna, Del. Particularly detailed account of the Battle of Fair Oaks, including wounded/killed information, troop movements, and a small sketch showing troop placement; tells of a Col. Riley being dismissed due to drunkenness in public. [Letter written on letterhead showing the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C., with the slogan printed "The House that Uncle Sam Built."] 8 pp. ALS. 16 March 1862. J[ohn] H.B. Jenkins, Camp Sedgwick, Virginia, to Mary A. Benjamin, "care of John Lewis Jenkins," Smyrna, Del. Tells of preparations to march to Manassas Junction; however, plans were changed to a secret naval expedition, destination probably New Orleans; 32

steamers are at Alexandria, Va., awaiting his troops* arrival. 2 pp. ALS. Including ALS, 22 March [1862], from J.H.B. Jenkins, Old Point Comfort, Va., "Near Fortress Monroe," to Mary A. Benjamin, Smyrna, Del., giving details of sail thus far; describes "tented d'abri" they are sleeping in; tells of scarcity of supplies, including tobacco, soap, fresh water, and stamps; traveled to Hampton, describing "the village" being burnt and ravaged, with the "church ... burnt down and tombs broken open"; has been eating mussels; anxious to see her; is in the "3d Corps d'armee," with McClellan leading. 3 pp.