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Ship Island March 4th 1862

My Dear Wife: This Package is for
John Rielly he wants you to de-
posit it for him in some Savings
Bank whichever you choose as he wa-
nts something to live on when he gets
home you can deposit it in your
own name in trust for him
and keep the Book for him as he had
rather you would take care of it than
to risk it with anny one else
he is a verry good faithfule boy
and I wish to do all I can for
him; I do not know whether I can
afford to pay him annything Extra
or not; I have a young fellow named
Thomas M^cGuire, whom I rate on
my Certificate of Pay as a servant
and I suppose I must pay him some-
thing I do not know how much there are

ten on twelve little youngsters mustard
mustard in us Drummers not as big as
him who draw 12 dollars a month
they got 60 dollars a piece to day
as much as the biggest men in the Regt.
I do not know but I will mustard him
if I can find a vacancy and he wishes
if he is almost big enough to handle a
musket but I cannot afford to
pay him as much I do not really kn
ow what to do with him I did not inl
end to pay him more than 3.00 dollars
a month and his clothes; but the other
little rascals get so much I am ^{almost} ashamed
to offer it to him his mother lives some
where in Wallace St. and I think he is
some friend of Frank Mc Neons
family if you hear or know anything
about him let me know; I did not
wound him at first but he was hanging
about the Camp and no one to look after
him and I took him just to fill a
name in the Servants Blank in the pay
Certificate; however I will do as well
as I can by him but if I give him more
than 5.00 and Barney 5.00 and Johny
5.00 it will make 15 dollars besides paying
the last two; I think I will have to ask
you a little it is near twelve O
Clock so good bye and God bless
you and all at home. Tell Ellen
not to fret about my not visiting her
as much as I can do as I am busy
in bed to get up and to write I have six pages
longer to you here on these