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Letter from Ira Lucas to Sarah Sherburne

Tells of his job at the hospital and is sorry to hear of Charles being wounded and captured.

Cavalry Corps. Hospital

City Point Virginia

Mon. Feb. 6th. 1865.

My dear Friend Sarah;

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bear them. I rejoice with you that your sister has found the Savior and I hope that all you brothers may also. I am glad that Charley is a Christian and hope that he is well and that he may soon be released either by paroll or exchange.

I didn't know that Mr. Wests people had heard from Carlos. I am glad that they have heard at last for it must be very trying not to know where ones friends are for so long a time.

I see that it is geting late and I must close so I bid you good night and this I accompany with a sincre prayer that Peace may soon down upon our distracted Country and that loving ones may meet again and enjoy the blessings and privilages of a free Country.

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