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Letter from Ira Lucas to Sarah Sherburne

Says that the hospital is being shut down and of a trip he took to Richmond visiting the rebel capital and Libby prison

Cav. Corps Hospital
City Point Va May 7th 1865

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