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Letter from John W.A. Gillespie to Editor

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From the 78th Regiment.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Feb. 12th, 1862. }

On board the 'Tecumseh.' }

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Yours,

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¹ Daily Zanesville Courier, February 14, 1862, p. 3