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# Letter from Marshall Blair Clason to his mother-in-law

Marshall Blair Clason

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2 miles beyond Ringgold. Geo.,  
May 6<sup>th</sup> 1864.

My Dear Mother: -

Perhaps I may never have another opportunity of writing to you, as to-morrow<sup>morn-</sup>ing we march out to meet the enemy. Still I am hopeful, confident and cheerful, and believe that God will safely carry me through the fiery trial I am about to undergo.

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I have loved Annie with all the fullness of my heart, and have tried to make her happy. I feel that I have succeeded. The misfortunes of our country have separated us since our marriage, with the exception of a few brief weeks.

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I will say Good-bye. God bless you, and preserve your life and health for many years to come. I hope I may be permitted to see you again. Give my love to Grandpa, Mollie, Nelson and Frank. I send my love to Annie in a letter sent by this mail.

Yours son

W. Blalson





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