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SUMMARY

Size. 1 item.

Geographic location. Johnson Island Prison, Ohio.

Date. Feb. 28, 1864.

Language. English

Summary. Letter written by James T. Bell to Mrs. Mary Whitaker, describing the death of her brother, Captain John B. Hazard, in Johnson Island Prison, a Union prison camp on Lake Erie, Ohio.

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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

James T. Bell, a first lieutenant, served under Captain John B. (Boyington) Hazard in the 21st Alabama Infantry. Bell assumed charge of this regiment after the death of Hazard at Johnson Island Prison, February, 1864. Johnson Island Prison was on an island in the Sandusky Bay of Lake Erie. About 3,000 Confederate officers were held there at the end of the war. Mentioned in the letter are the Confederate surgeons Colonel Steadman of the 1st Alabama Regiment, Captain Sessions of the 18th Mississippi Regiment, Captain Locke of the 53rd Alabama Cavalry, and Colonel Christian of a Virginia regiment. Mr. Helm, chaplain of the 1st Tennessee Regiment, and Captain George S. Markham from Demopolis, Alabama, and of the 58th Alabama Regiment were present at Hazard's death.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The letter is written to Captain John B. Hazard's sister, Mrs. Mary Whitaker, and refers to "Ben," Benjamin Andrews Whitaker, Mary Whitaker's husband. It details Hazard's illness, last wishes, and death in Johnson Island Prison. Described are the physical conditions at the prison, the weather, the medical facilities, the Confederate medical staff, and the illnesses rampant among the prisoners of war.

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