

Direct as usual with further advice  
leave and on a fine day

June 10<sup>th</sup> 9 A.M.

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I guess you think I write on rather bad looking paper but everything on board is covered with black soot & in writing soiled paper is as good as better than which is better. Some of the boys think the Cap. of this boat is reckless, don't want to get us along very fast but I guess he wants to sell all the meals he can at 75 & 50 cts each.

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Direct as usual until further orders Please send me a few lines