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Fort Sulokowski
Galveston Island Aug 6th 1864

Genl E.S.C. Robertson,

Yours of 6th Ult
was recd. I have little of in-
terest to write - Ten or twelve Yan-
kee vessels always in sight - seven
or eight of them armed vessels,
Nevertheless blockade running
is carried on in spite of them
The Alico about a month
since brought in a fine cargo
5000 stand of Springfield rifles
Govt steeres & medicines - The
Susana comes & goes when ever
she pleases - she is a Clyde steamer
& a perfect model of a boat and
the fastest in these waters. About
three thousand troops are kept here
to garrison the Fort & defence of
the Island. The health is very good
and the troops in the main orderly
& discharging their duties faithfully
I am well and now understand Infan-
try & artillery drill very well.

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This fort is at the extreme end of the Island (East End). Everything prospers in the Department west of the Miss, which gives us cause to rejoice. In glorious Virginia Grant whipped stands check-mated before Lee. We foresee no uneasiness except about Atlanta. The Yankees may take that place, but it will be the beginning of their downfall. They are now too far from their base and are already meeting with reverses. I am as hopeful as ever, and think it will not be many months before an Independence will be acknowledged. We are victorious on almost every field; and more proudly defiant than ever & the Yankees begin to feel it. Write send the news - Who all elected to County offices &c. My kindest regards to your family

Yours fraternally
Jno. T. Flint

John T. Flint
Aug 6/56
Ans
Aug 15/64

[John T. Flint was assigned to the 20th Regt., Texas Infantry (Elmore's), assigned to the Trans-Mississippi Dept. and served in Texas. These troops were assigned to guard the coast from Galveston to the Sabine River beginning in 1862 through 1865.]