Dear Parents,

This is again with the greatest of pleasure that I feel my self to write you all a few lines to let you know how I am. I am a progressing at this first time. I am well and hearty, and I hope that you are all enjoying this same great blessing of health. I have not heard from home for 2 weeks on our way down the river. I mailed a letter at Memphis, and I mailed one on coming to this place. Obre is pretty healthy at this time. I think that we will soon leave this place for Texas. I cannot tell when I will get home. I have often heard our girls a talking about 'caygin' water so far, but we
have to carry our as far as the church is from our house and then when we get it it's like dish water we need water out of a swamp that was close but it is dried up. And there was alligator snake crocodiles in it so we go to the river now but I have been very lucky so far. The water has never hurt me yet. I had a notion to enlist in the regular service for one year get all of our bounty and back pay and a 60 day furlough but it has all died away. This is a beautiful country it is as well as the floor. There are all kinds of fruit growing here. There are lots of figs and oranges and there is no end to the snakes, alligators and other vermin. There are some very poison the rattlesnake and cotton mouth. The river is higher than the surface of the ground. There are ditches shoveled up to keep the lands from overflowing the
is all farmed by the negroes.

The owner of this farm that we are encamped on was a rebel of the deep dye and does not deny it. To me this rebellion is played out, and I think that it will not be long until we all permit to return to our home. I hear of war no more. There was a great many boys who deserted our corps. Our orderly sergeant and another sergeant of our Co. that was reduced to ranks run off since we just came out. We have lost about 40 men.

I reckon that all the boys are at home by this time. Is uncle Joe got home yet. What is he doing at cold hill? Tell him to write me a letter and let me know what he intends to do. That is if we are going to stay on old Island Creek hill or not. Does plantation make any headway about getting money to pay you off? How does the rose look another how do you like? Kimball is the Sabre.
school very large this summer. Is there anything going on the 11th of July I wrote Ann a letter and she did not think worth-while to answer it—is. She is still at Walker's well—You may think that I am inquisitive but you do not know how well we like to hear how things are going. I will tell you any bunk mate manners. There are 4 of us in a tent—Gibson, Mankin, Billy, For, McNeew, and myself. We have always stayed together. I was just detailed as co-clerk by my Captain well I must close for present as I have bean and tomatoes to cook for dinner. Give my love to one and all so remain you am.

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