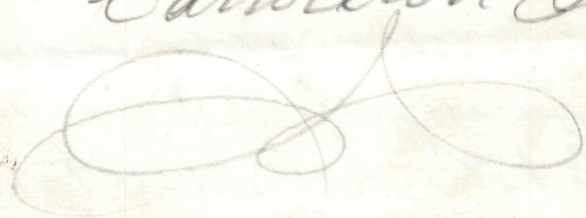


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Dear Mother & Brother

I had a very
pleasant voyage up here
especially coming up the
Mississippi which is the most
beautiful scenery along the
banks the orange trees
loaded with fruit - and
the sugar plantations
and negroes at work
We steamed up Christmas
evening to New Orleans
the land up here the next
day the place here is
small and on the banks
of the River we are in
tents and it is winter
here and it is cold night

and very hot day times
we have the best rations
we have had in a good
while Bacon potatoes rice
beans bean soup pie
soup tea and coffee sugar
molasses vinegar salt and
crackers and soft bread
and we can cook it as
we please we expect to
be paid off in a few
days we get all the
delicacies we can eat 5
for a cent. I wish I
could send you some
they taste better than
you get them I
supper I am 5th
corporal on account
of the deserters We
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the forenoon and

from 1 the 3 is squad
drill and from 4 to 5
is company drill in
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our arms clean and
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the other day we were
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Col. Geo. S. Dwight

Camp Mansfield
Carrolton Louie

Jan 20/63

Dear Brother & Mother

I had a very pleasant voyage up here especially coming up the Mississippi which is the most beautiful scenery along the banks the orange tree loaded with fruit and the sugar plantations and negrows at work. We steamed up Christmas evening to New Orleans. We layed here the next day the place here is small and on the bank of the River we are in tents and it is winter here and it is cold night and very hot day times we have the best rations we have had in a good while Brown potatos rice beans bean soup pea soup tea and coffe sugar molasses vinegar salt and crackers and soft bread and we can cook it as we please we expect to be paid off in a few days we get all the oranges we can eat so for a cent I wish I could send you some they taste better than you get them I supplied I am 5th Corporal on around of the deserters. We drill from 9 to 12 in the afternoon and from 1 the B is *signal* drill and from 4 to 5 is *drill* in the afternoon and then we have to keep our arms clean and polished up so you see we keep preatty busy I am glad when night comes so I can get a little rest the other Day we were called on to get our 40 rounds and load our guns and then gave us the *should* down *double* to the River and when we got there we found it was the 91st had and we here to them down no more at present so good till next time

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