

Louisiana Feb the 13<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear Sisters

it is with great pleasure  
and with due respect that I take  
up my pen this morning to  
write you a few lines to let  
you know that I am well at  
present hoping these few lines  
may find you all enjoying  
the same blessing, I wrote Father  
a letter yesterday and I have  
nothing to do this morning so  
I thought I would drop you a  
few lines to let you know that  
I have not forgotten you yet  
also to answer your welcome  
letters, I received a letter from  
Sam Budd Day before yesterday  
he is in Paducah Ky he stated  
in his letter that he is getting  
better he also stated in his letter

that John Buckley was Dead he  
said he Died at St Lewis with  
the measles but it may be a  
false report there is some of our  
number that has left us their  
voice is heard no more here  
Samuel Gardan James Latimer  
and Anna Wilson is Dead  
the rest of the boys that was  
sick is getting better we are  
still in Louisiana Camped  
near the Mississippi river  
I dont know <sup>how</sup> long we will stay  
here there is flying reports  
here that our regt is going to  
be sent to Saint Lewis to  
guard prisoners and get recruited  
up but I dont know how true  
it is I can tell better when we  
get started, the boys that we  
left at Memphis has come to  
the regiment I was glad to see <sup>them</sup>