

Vicksburg Miss.
Feb. 14th 1864

Dear Mary I again take my pen to address you: although I have not received a word from you yet: but I do not harbor a thought that it is your fault, because we are all in the same fix none of us having received a scratch since we left home

I am still in good health and hope that you and the children are enjoying the same blessing: We have very easy times so far having nothing to do except to drill twice a day; and that only an hour morning and evening the balance of the time we go where we please. I promised in my last to describe some of the scenery of this place; but after viewing the city and fortifications I find myself bewildered so that I shall have to abandon the thought ~~of~~ writing.

that I will live to get home where we ^{can} talk together of what I have seen and shall see. We have had no reliable news of the regiment since it crossed Black River our forces had an engagement near Clinton in which one of our regiment was killed and one wounded (I should ~~correct~~ this last sentence a little (Clinton being about twenty miles beyond Black River))

I have no other news to write that we can rely on the camp is continually full of rumors so it is useless for me to write any thing we get here for if there is any thing of importance you get it before we do.

There is but few troops here now except colored men: there being several regiments of them doing guard duty: and I bet it would make you laugh to see the style they put on: they are almost all artillery men and have to guard the forts, they are the most particular men on guard we have their orders being very

Strict and they think it would
be death to disobey in the least.

I have never written anything about
how we live: although it is not quite
as good as I have been used to at home
I have no reason to complain. Eli & Will
are now getting supper Will having bought
some fish & butter and Eli some milk
we will have a pretty good meal.

I will have to close by giving my
love to you and the children.

Write and tell me whether you have
heard from the boys Tell Henry
a letter from him would be very
acceptable also from any the rest of
the folks

G. H. Coulson

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