

Vicksburg Miss  
March 10<sup>th</sup> 1864

Dear Mary I again seat my  
self to write you a few lines I received two  
letters from you this week one yesterday and one  
today, and was glad to hear from you but was  
sorry <sup>to hear</sup> that the children were not well; but  
hope that they may get better soon I was also  
glad to hear that Lewis was ~~at~~ home I would  
like very much to have seen him. I also received  
a letter from him this morning, but suppose  
he will be gone to his regiment before I could  
get an answer to him, therefore I will postpone  
writing to him till I know where the regiment  
is going to

The ~~regiment~~ got back the 4<sup>th</sup> of this month  
they had a very hard march they went as far  
as Meridian in this state it is considered  
one of the boldest movements of the war they  
destroyed two hundred miles of rail road  
captured several hundred prisoners took horses  
mules cattle <sup>and</sup> negroes without number they burnt  
every town and city they past through with the  
exception of Canton there was about one  
hundred families of refugees came in with  
the army; but the beauty of the movement  
was that it was all done without much loss

of life to our army I suppose they took a good many of our men prisoners but they were mostly stragglers from the main army, our regiment lost six men, but none from our company, four were killed and two taken prisoner two were <sup>killed</sup> in a skirmish with the enemy and two by accident. The health of the regiment is good at present the boys are all in good spirit for they expect to go home in a short time where they expect to have a joral time.

I suppose this is the day set for the draft but from all accounts there will not be many to draft from our neighborhood for we still get word of the boys enlisting.

We have some duty to do now but it is very light when the wether is fine we drill three times a day, company drill in the morning, battallion drill in the afternoon and dress parade in the evening, there is some piceting to do but I have not been on yet.

You wished me when ~~draw~~ I drew my money to send it to Father that is just what I intended to do with it if he wanted it I expect to get \$53.00 before long which he can have except what you want for your own use. I know that you cannot live with them without being some expence to him therefore ~~that~~ he should have it to use.

he sees fit. It is getting late and the  
shahang is full of boys talking and  
laughing so that I cannot think of any  
thing more of any consequence. therefore  
I will close by wishing this may find you  
all enjoying as good health as I do.

Excuse my short letters for you know  
that that is the kind I write. I have  
written to you every week since I left home  
except last week but I had not received  
any word from you for several weeks  
therefore I neglected it.

My love to you and the children  
from your  
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