

Sunday May 11th 1862 - 7 P.M.

Dear Laura

I am now on the ship "James Hoey" in the Mississippi River about 60 miles from New Orleans, and on my way to that place. When I wrote you last we had just received orders to be ready to leave Ship Island at one hours notice, and expected to leave the next day—

a week ago to night, our baggage was taken from our camp at Ship Island on to this ship - but the weather was so rough that the small boats were afraid to take the troops out - so we all slept on the sand that night - the next day (Monday) it was a little more quiet so that about 1/2 the Regiment - came on board - but the wind rising again - we had to wait until Tuesday. When with the whole Regiment - except the sick, on board this one ship, we left Ship Island - after being out about an hour the wind went down and we lay 24 hours more