

Franklin Jan. 10 / 64



In camp near Franklin La
Jan. 10th 1864

My Dear Anna

You will see by the above date that we have again moved. Our old camp near New Iberia was wretchedly wet, muddy and uncomfortable — there was not a stick of wood nearer than 5 miles, all the Hay & corn for horses was gone & for this reason, more than in regard to the comfort of the men a move was ordered. I wish I could tell you how our men suffered. Our Regiment was in the worst place in the camp, the mud ^{& water} would average to be 14 inches deep — the men nearly all have shoes, and every step they took, wet their feet — this mud froze every night some nights hard enough to bear up a man, & other not so hard. — Tuesday night, at dark, orders came from Gen. Franklin to have every thing packed up ready to start at 7. the next morning — soon after it commenced raining & freezing & so continued all night — next morning, our tents were covered with ice, from 78 to 72 an inch thick, & in taking them down, many had to be cut away from the boards & frames that they were nailed to, thus almost ruining them