

I think you are having great  
baby times up north this year.

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Ship Island

Apay 4<sup>th</sup> 1862

Dear Friends.

I take this oppo-  
rtunity to write a line to  
let you know that we  
are expecting to leave here  
to day. we had orders yester-  
day to pack and be ready  
to start in an hours  
notice. I have packed and  
am ready. we dont know  
where we are going but  
suppose to New Orleans.  
I am well as common except a  
little headache this morning.  
there has been quite a change  
around the vicinity of New  
Orleans within a short time.  
I dont expect we shal see any

we havent got any pay yet since we left. It