

New Orleans 8th Reg
Vt Vols Co. A

May 15th 1862

Sister Almada.

I wil take my pen
to write a few lines let you know
that I am yet a live and in the land
of the living; our regiment left Ship
Island the 7th we came to the mouth
of the Miss. River and there
anchored and waited til the 3^d
day for a Steamer to tow us up
the river; we landed here the 12th
our quarters are in some cotton press
buildings which ~~are~~ answer our
purpos very well; we have meat
and coffee and hard crackers for rations.
you wil probable hear about
how this place surrendered without
any fighting. the people here seem