

New Orleans La
Feb. 8th 1863.

Dear Sister

After so long a time I take my pen to answer your kind letter of the 8th which came to hand in due time - and was glad to hear of your health your prosperities &c;

I am also thankful that your letter found me enjoying good health as your desires expressed it might; My health is first rate except my hand and that isent much any way, our brigade was ordered of on a long march and all that wasent able to do duty were sent to the general hospital there in the City, We are having a first rate good time here - have plenty good food a good clean comfortable bed - good room fire &c. I should have much rather gone with my company and seen what they will