

New Orleans La.

Feb 18th 1863

Dear Father;

It is with much pleasure that I seat myself to write a few lines in answer to your kind letter of the 27th which came to hand yesterday; I am well and enjoying good health except a little sore on my hand, I had a great bile or carbuncle on my hand the first of Jan^y and it hasent healed up yet; it has run considerable - but has not pained me much; I havent done any duty with for 4 or 5 weeks - and now as I am staying at the general hospital in New Orleans, Our brigad (under Gen. Weitzel) were ordered upon a long march the 1st of Feb^y and all that were not able to do duty were