

8th Regt. U. S. Vols. Co. A
Camp near Alexandria La.
April 15th 1863
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Dear Sister Abida..

I wish I had a picture of just the position that I now occupy to send to you - I think you would think it enough without writing a word. I sit leaned up against a tree with a bark for a chair and my cartridge box for a desk - and you can see by the writing that it is just as good as any thing of a nicer quality would be. I recd. your kind letter of the 12th some days ago - and was very glad to hear from you once more; and I am to tel you that it found me happy and well - and was in full pursuit of the rebs; we have drove them until we have completely run them out and scattered them ^{to the} winds.