



Near Port Hudson, La.  
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Kind Sister.

I will improve the first opportunity to answer your kind letters up to the 18<sup>th</sup> of May. I rec<sup>d</sup>. letters this morning from you Mother, Almada Lyman & Almira and had a good time reading them. I was glad to hear that you were all so well as what you write you are. I am enjoying good health and thus far have escaped the cold iron & lead although I have been several times where it flew thick & fast, & friends fell on my right & left. we still occupy the same position that we did when I last wrote; the infantry are holding the enemy while the our men are planting heavy guns to seize Port Hudson; there is more or less firing every day; our regt hasent had but one