

Baton Rouge La Aug 2^d/63

Dear Sister.

after so long time I will try and commence a letter to you in answer to yours of June 27th. I hope you will pardon me for not writing before; I was was verry glad to hear that you were all enjoying so good health and under so favorable circumstances as what I think you are in; although I know you must suffer many deprivations on the account of this wicked war, but let us take new courage - every thing appears to be working in our favor now. I hope we have seen the worst of it - and hope we shall soon see the last of it; Since the time we marched into Port Hudson I have been about two thirds over the dam and havent done but little duty of any kind. I went on to a plantation to ~~do~~ take charge of some contrabands; I stayed there two weeks and kept rather runing down in stead of gaining so last friday I came up to the Church hospital in Baton Rouge; I am feeling better to day than I did when I came here friday; I suppose you will want to know just how bad off I be; so I will tell you just as it is - and I dont want you to think I am any worse; I have been threatened pretty hard with the fever but it had left me now so that I am not

I recd. Sumanthas picture she sent me - and Herberts; I have them and Tom Tafts. I had Emma's Galts photograph but the reds have got it now or destroyed it;