

Church Hospital Baton Rouge
August 21st 1863

Dear Mother.

I will try this morning to write a few lines to let you know that I am yet in the land of the living - and still blessed with many blessings from the hand of Lord; for the last six weeks I have pretty sick and have got quite low and weak - but there hasent been any day but what I have been out door and able to wait on my self; I have had considerable diarrhea but that hasent been so bad as my stomach - that has been dreadful bilious and have vomited a good deal - but that is feeling better; my appetite has been poor - and isent but little now; the most I eat is a little gruel or corn starch once in while a little baked potatoe which relishes verry well.

I cant see any thing now to hinder my beginning to gain some now in a few days if nothing new sett in.

I should liked to been at home and helped you and Almada pick and eat some of those nice berries that Almada wrote about but that cannot be this year I suppose. but hope good times will come again sometime.