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Camp 67th U.S. C. Inf.
Port Hudson La

May 31st 1865

Dear Mother

We are again stationed at Port Hudson, and I think only for a short period. Recent military results have made it necessary to repossess and occupy the vast region lying west of the Miss. included in Western La. & Texas.

I suppose you are aware that that country, with the large army of Gen Kirby Smith, was surrendered to Gen. Canby, recently on the same terms almost, as previous surrenders.

Thus the rebellion is ended, and the rebels subdued, conquered, and the whole land from Maine to Texas is once more under the protection of our flag. "This was a consummation devoutly to be wished for," but it has come at last and thank God for it.

that I mean by not staying here
long is, that we have received orders
to put ourselves in light marching
order for campaigning. Some Regts.
are already ordered up the Red River
to occupy the posts &c lately held
by the Rebels. I suppose we will
have Regts. scattered all over in a short
time up the Washita & Red Rivers, in
the interior of West Ga & Texas.
We had a pleasant Shady camp
in Bayou Sara, and were loth to leave it.
It was also a little village, and we were
tolerably well acquainted & could get
vegetables, milk butter &c, which we were
now be deprived of I suppose.
This is a nice place inside the fort, but
still no one likes to stay here. We are
camped outside in the weeds. The 84th & 92nd
came down with us. We marched down
yesterday a distance of about 12 miles.
It was warm & dusty, but the boys
stood it like men & came in all right, in

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The weather has been very warm for the past month and I suppose will continue so for the next three months

The health of my Company is very good. We have not yet been paid and I can't tell when we will. I am about out of money, but I won't suffer, for I have about \$800 of the money belonging to the Co, but I can get some of that if pinched. The River is still very high, and this Country is suffering in consequence. We hear very frequently of crevasses which inundate whole tracts of country. There is no danger however at this place, as it is 100 feet above the water now

I would like to have witnessed the
great Review lately had at Washington.
It must have been magnificent.
I understand the crops at the North are
looking well this season, I hope so.
When you write next direct to
Fort Hudson La. Our Regt. will probably
be consolidated with another but I
think it will maintain its name or
title. Number of the officers of this Regt.
wish to go home. I feel as if I should
leave the service too. I entered to serve
during the war, and as the war is now
ended, I think my further services can
be dispensed with. There is to be an ex-
amination of all officers, to report on
qualification & disposition to remain in
the service. Unqualified officers to be
mustered out forthwith.

One of our Captains resigned, so that I am
now sixth or first junior Capt in the Regt.
Please continue to write frequently.
Mr. Estill is with us and is doing well.
Give him my best regards & say of myself
Remember me to all my friends. What do you
say to me leaving the service, and going
to college? With love to Father, Mother
& yourself & prayer for the safety of Brother
I close, as ever your loving son
Wm. S. Montgomery