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On board St^a Ida Handy
Cairo Ills. Sept 15th 1865

Dear Parents & Bro.

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I again seat myself to write from far away. My time however is limited & I can say but a few words. My health is much the same as it was when I left. but perhaps better.

I have got along first rate so far & hope to the rest of the way.

I travelled slow. resting at the large cities. I will give you more particulars in my next.

I went from Faribault to Red Wing. took the Boat thence to Prairie du chien. Cars thence to Madison. Could not find Sandy. thence to Milwaukee, Chicago & St Louis. Left St Louis yesterday at noon. Got no pay. Passage from Red Wing to St Louis \$30. thence to Baton Rouge \$40.

Saw Genls Grant Sherman
Pope, Logan & with their
staff Officers at St Louis.
I have no chills but a slight
fever every day about noon
lasts about 2 hours. Weather
warm here. My Regiment
has been consolidated with
the 65th & is now at Baton
Rouge. Several Officers
mustered out. I am retained
this I got from Mrs Mc Coy.
Capt Mc Coy is out & others
I think my health will
be good as soon as cool
weather comes on, which
will not be long.

I am nearly out of money
& dont think I can get
any soon.

I must now come to a
close as we are nearing
Cairo.

Excuse me for not writing
sooner, but I had no chance
I will drop you a letter
from Memphis if all
be well

I am sorry I could not
find any trace of Bros
Sandy, I don't think
he is in Madison
Please write soon
& direct to Baton Rouge
La. Accept my love
from your son &
Bros Thos. Montgomerie

Respects to Lizzie &
friends.