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Headquarters Co. 2, 65th U.S. I. C.

Baton Rouge La. June 14th /66.

My Dear Mother.

I have been thinking about you this evening, so I took it into my head to write. I received on the 8th inst. the letter written by you & Bro Jas. Chas.

I thought that before this I would have a letter from Bro Alex, or Cousin Mr. Henry, but I have had none from either of them. I have not done much writing myself neither, but I hope all are well. The weather has been very wet of late, it has rained incessantly every day for the past two weeks.

Today was the first clear day.

In consequence it is more unhealthy I have had a slight cold, but the most I dread is the ague, but I hope to ward it off by taking good care. I have yet no reason to complain as my health has been and is very good.

Lieut. Violet no longer belongs to my Co.
having been appointed Reg. Quarter Master
1st Lieut. James G. Vincent has been promoted
and mustered into Co. A. vice Violet.
He is from Iowa, and is a good Officer.
He accompanied Sherman, all through Georgia
Carolina &c, & joined our Regt last summer.

I lost one man by the explosion of the
City of Memphis the other day. Four men
of the Regt. were lost in all.

A school has been started in the Regt.
and is taught by two young ladies. It is
well attended and promises to be successful.

A Reading Room has also been started
in connection with the Library for the Regt.

I saw a St Paul Press today & see that
the two Shermans are up visiting you.
I am glad the Fenian invasion of
Canada met such a disastrous termination.

I cannot sympathize with the Fenians
if they are Irishmen. A great many
wonder why I don't sustain them.
but I never had any faith in their
success, nor think it would benefit Ireland.

The recent rains have done much damage in this State to the Cotton Crops, & other property. The floods have impoverished thousands by depriving them of any means of subsistence. I am glad to hear that your crops have been put in so early and promise well. You must be as successful as ever in the management of stock, poultry &c. from the flattering account brother sent me of the number of increase of all kinds.

I was pleased to hear that Cleveland has received an addition to her population. If she would increase ~~and~~ become the country seat I might like well enough to live there. but as it is I have no particular desire to.

I am yet undecided what to engage in should I be permitted to safely return from the service. I don't think I will try to enter the Regular Army, for as much as I like the Army, Regular Army life would not be congenial to my feelings, especially away out on some frontier post.

It is impossible for me to decide as long as I am in the service,

Have been just now detached on a Post
Council of administration, and will have
to close for the present. I hope this will
find your health good, also father's
Brother & Lizzie's. From your absent son
Thomas.

Mr. A. Montgomery
Cleveland.
Ohio.

June 14