

which is toast & tea & sometimes cake.
You see I am not starving! Mrs Raper
comes in about twice a day but being very busy
can not stay long. One of the clerks from the
Office is generally in during the morning to
see if I want anything, & the orderly comes over
once a day for like purpose. There is a
Lieut. Camp here who is wounded in the arm
by a buckshot, & he comes in every day to see how
things are going. There is my list of callers.
Last night I had an extra one (or rather two)
for Mr & Mrs Whipples who are now boarding
here came in to see if I was better, & made quite
a little visit. He is District Attorney or some
thing of the sort, & a Union man of course having
been driven from the city when Secesh ruled.
I miss Mrs Russell ever so much & would
give a good deal to have her back here.
She is in Frijerville up on the Teche, & now in
the hands of the rebels. I don't imagine they
will hurt her though for she is staying with
a good Confederate. I hope not. I wrote
to Father on the 1st July but mostly on business,
& I don't think I said anything about my
journey down. I told you in my letter from
Baton Rouge that I was coming to the city when

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Dear Parent & Mamma

I've been thinking what sort of animal
I look most like, & can think of nothing
but one of the half-embalmed mummies in the
Egyptian Museum. My right leg is bandaged up,
& both my feet do too, & I'm not sure but what
I shall have to put my left arm in a sling, for
there is something which looks suspiciously like
a boil just above the elbow. It's all in a life
time though, & I'm willing to take everything at once
now while I have to keep still. My wound is
looking very well & is healing fast, but I am afraid
will be more tedious than I at first thought for.
The Doctor saw it on Thursday, & said it was doing
as well as possible, & that all I had to do was to
keep quiet. When I asked him about using it
however, he said - "don't try it for a couple of weeks
to come at least," - so I shall be a prisoner for some
little time longer. It does not pain me very much
now except when I move it suddenly, & I can bend
the leg a little by taking my time about it. I have
given up the cold water treatment & taken to

"Simple Secret" & link, which is much less trouble
& seems to answer just as well now. My feet are
also getting much better & I shall be able to step on
them in a few days. I told you how badly I was
stung by the black ants on the day of the fight, &
when the doctor was here he ordered poultices to be
applied to the soles of my feet to draw the poison
out. I am happy to say I have got through that
stage & his the best poultice put on yesterday.
It will be a little while before the soles will close up,
& until then I can not put them to the ground, but
I think the poison is all out & they will soon get
well. I was thinking that it was perhaps lucky
my feet could not be used at present for other-
wise I might have tried to get round the room on
my crutches, which would have certainly been bad
for my leg. The weather is very hot & sultry & I have
a piece of a mosquito net thrown over me in-
stead of a sheet, - were it not for the flies I should
not see that. I take Lee every day just as if I was
keeping house, for my wound has to be washed with
Lee water several times a day, & I like the luxury
of ice in my water, - about the only luxury I can
indulge in. I am very well cared for & could

hardly be better off save in New York or Bristol
bro. It is a little lonely sometimes for of course
I see scarcely any H^{ds}, but I have books and
papers, & my pen & ink is generally beside me.
It is not often I feel like writing for it is very
tiresome work using my knee for a desk, & I gen-
erally put off all letters until I am able to leave
my bed. I wake up about 7, for I don't sleep much
the early part of the night & so take it out to-
wards morning. In about half an hour Jane
comes up & after Lisa fixed & my leg attended to, she
brings up my breakfast on a big platter. - let me
see what I have. A bowl of tea, - a cup is too
small, a plate of toast, another of bread & butter,
& a dish of chicken or beefsteak, & any quantity of
fresh figs, & most always hot cakes or rolls.
Between 12 & 1 she brings up some more figs
& gets me a glass of wine & water, which is all the
lunch I care about. At four I have dinner, on
even a larger variety than in the morning, - two
or three kinds of meat, beef or mutton & chicken, po-
tatoes, beans, tomatoes, corn, & bread & butter. For
dessert, melon & figs & my second glass of wine.
About half past eight or nine comes supper

the ladies had coffee made about midnight
ready to welcome their friends - with thoughts
rather of it! Gen. Emery has given orders
to arm all the men in the Quartermaster's
Dept. & all our own workmen, & also the
labors on the Appolunus Rail Road. They
have removed all the spare arms (about
20000 stands) to the Custom House, where
they will be safer than in the Procs, & in case
of attack the rest of the stores will be destroyed.

I hope if they come the gunboats will not
leave one brick standing in another in this
city! I don't know when a steamer goes west
but will have this ready at any rate. I don't
say I shall write Ed. in a few days but it will
depend upon how I feel very much. Don't be
feeling anxious about our dear Mother for as
you see I am getting well as fast as I ought
to expect. Give my love to Grandmother &
Father. I hear Mr. Thomas has gone back to N. Y. having
arrived while I was up river. She can be chartered in
N. Y. even for this Dept. much easier than down here.

Your loving son
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I could get a boat. It was the 29th June before
one came along, & I did not know I was going
until six in the evening. The Ambulance came
up & I was lifted in & taken down to the steamer.

Every state room was full for the boat was
crowded, & they were going to put me in the
room with the mail bags, but I objected, & had my
bedsteads put on the floor where I could at least
get a little air. There were a number of ladies
on board & among them some I had seen in the hos-
pital. - Mrs. Foulis, Mrs. Fisher & a Miss Baldwin.

They were all very kind & did every thing in their
power for me, bathing my wound, fanning me &c.
We left Baton Rouge about 6.30 & about 10 got to
Donaldsonville where the fight had been the day
before. Our men were then engaged in burning the
town, & the three gunboats lying off the place
would throw a shell in every row & them to
help matters along. We stopped here for over
an hour, & as the boat coming round in the river
I got a sight of the place from where I was
lying. It was perfectly lovely to see the flames
leaping up eight & twenty feet & to watch
the different houses catch one after the

other as the sailors went round with their buckets. It was a punishment well deserved for the people of the town & some garrillas, had fired upon our men while burying the dead under a flag of truce. There were about 8000 rebels back in the woods the other side of the Bayou & an attack was expected on Fort Butler at daylight. They didn't make it though they had enough of each gun. We came on down & got to N. O. about 7 A.M. I sent right over to the Tucker Ferry Boat for four men to move me, & sent to the St. James Hospital for an ambulance. The Corporal in charge brought over six men, & they carried me out & came up here with me, & then carried me up stairs to my room where you may behold me at present. I am very glad I arrived when I did for I was thus able to see Mr Williams who left for N.Y. that afternoon. I've been in some doubt ever since I returned as to whether I should get back to N.Y. a free man or parole prisoner. The rebels are getting so very troublesome that I should not be at all surprised to hear of their taking the city at any time. They could not hold it, but they could make a trial in & capture or destroy all the Commissary, Ordnance & Quarter Master.

stores we have, & thus embarrass the army & delay its movements. There is nothing to stop them save the garrisons, & though they would of course shell the city, the great object of the Confederates would be gained in the loss of all our supplies. They have captured Breckenridge as you know, & large quantities of stores, & may be in Algiers at any moment, for we have no force between. Fort Rebel Officer (spies) were taken there the other day. They have quite a force down below towards Fort Jackson, & some 5000 men between this & Donaldsonville. The Sherrill was nearly sunk by one of their light batteries the other day, & got back here with all her pumps going in almost a need up condition. They are making constant raids on the rear of Banks Army at Port Hudson, & gobbling wagon trains & whatever else they can lay their hands on. They dashed down to Springfield Landing, one Friday I believe, & destroyed some stores on their way to the front. They are also threatening Baton Rouge & it is said that a large force is just across the Lake. It was understood that they were coming in to spend the 4th & many of