

March 20th 1868

Camp Parapet
Carrollton La

Dear Mother

as I have not heard from
you for some time I
thought that I would
write a few lines to you
to let you know that I
am well & I hope these few
lines will find you the
same it is very hot out
here now so that we do
not have to drill but a
little I have just got back
from a walk I have been
outside of the I have had
some ripe plums strawberries
& the blackberries will be
ripe the first of next
month & then we shall
have a good time at
picking them

dates will be ripe the
first of June & pine
apples are ripe in July
& if ^{we} have to stay here
untill then we shall
have enough fruit to
eat there. The last mail
that came from the Port
I did not have a letter nor
a paper & I was good
mind to say that I
would not write untill
I heard from you but
I had a paper that I
was going to send to
the girls & I thought
I would send it this
mail. Give my best
respects to all you see
so good by. I shall write
I gain in a few days
when the next steamer
goes