Camp Parapet
Carrollton L A May 12th 1863

Dear Mother

I now take the plasure of writting you A few lines this evning to let you know that I am well & I hope these few lines will find you the same. I had to write this evning or I could not send you A letter in this mail. last week we had quite A long march for us we. marched down to the city of New Orleans we had A good time we did not har to carry eny of clothes & when we got back thay said that we had marched

About 20 Ms. that was
quite A long march for
the first one but I stood
it first rate & was not
much tierd when I got
back thir was som that
hav not been sick that
had to stop & rest befor
thay could get back to
camp. I supose you hav
hird befor now that we
hav got paid of. I wrote
to you in my last letter
befor this about it.
we did not hav much
money but it was better
than now A tall when
I was sick I had to
borrow so when I had
paid my debts I
did not hav eny left
but as long as I am

well I can get Along
without money.
we ar having A very easy
time now we do not
hav to drill only 2 or 3
hours in A day & that
is not very hard work.
it is very hot out hear
now but we do not hav
to do much in the heat
of the day but to lay
in our tents & sleep.
thay say that we ar going
to start for home the 18
of next month I think that
we shall start by that
time if not befor.
I supose the folks to the
north hav got all don
planting by this time
some of them out hear
ar doing thir harvesting

portatioes ar ripe out hear
you may write to mee
untill I write for you
to stop if you write
one or two letters that
I do not get it is of
now Acount
I must now close so
goodk bye from D. P. Mason
Dear Sister Mary
I will try & write a
few lines to you to let
you know that I am
well & like first rate
& that I should like to
stay out hear if it was
not so hot.
William is well & likes
first rate. Sam is well
you tell Abbie that I
will write to hir next time
giv my best respects to all
the folkes so goodk bye D P M