

W.S. Monarch Sept. 22nd 1863
Near Greenville, Mississippi

My Dear Sister M.,

Your letter bearing date Aug. 29th came to hand, duly, but I have not been as punctual as I had intended, or should have been, but I was none the less glad to hear from you, and home.

I received a letter from William yesterday. Both the W.S., were well when it left. They had recd marching orders, and part of the army was crossing the Tenn. R. - Wm. says ^{he} hears from home almost every week. You'd better be careful, for I shall feel jealous if you don't write to me as often as you do to him. But you have been a pretty good girl to write to me that is you, answer all you receive; but I wish you would not wait for my letters, and write often, -

You say you hope I am well, And I can truthfully say that I am, more so than before I was sick, you know that there is generally a calm, after a storm.

We, are yet, at Greenville, but have orders for Cairo, soon as the water is high enough there is but 3rd water, it will require six or seven

The Marine Brigade I suppose is turned over to Gen. Grant & is reported that the Rams are turned over to the Navy which is probably true. If so it is uncertain what will be done without C. R. But I need not trouble you with this just because it troubles me. I think we will remain on the boats till Spring at least, perhaps longer, till our time is out.

And so Julia was going to Uncle Hunts well if she has gone I hope she is having a good time I wish Ma could have went I think a visit ^{of that kind} would have been good for her health.

I was surprised that Mr Morgan had condescended to pay you a visit, but I guess

you are not sorry that he did not come ^{through}
P. I saw by the papers that he had
been in Jackson Co. I wonder what the
copper heads thought of it, has it changed
their sentiments any?

Health is good on board, and all in the finest
of spirits, & jubilant over our success, and
a prospect of a speedy termination of
the war. There is quite a difference in the
river business, since the late order reestablished
trade, and boats are again plowing
the Miss., loaded with ^{the different}
products of the country. ^{(An average of} About six or
seven generally pass us in a day, while
before, we would not see more than one
or two, as a general thing.

I cannot write you a long letter this
time, but will close as supper is about
ready. I wish you were only here and the
rest we had two young Passes here for din
we shall have fresh beef potatoes light
bread ^{butter} and others things to correspond

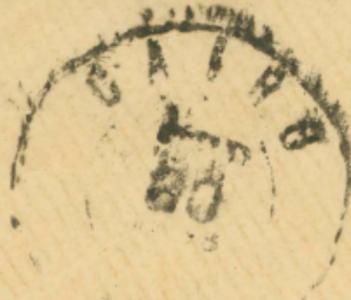
I wonder what you alls will have

Good night & If I think of any
thing else in the morning or to night
when I am on watch I will write it

Yours Truly

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P.S. Excuse brevity
and bad writing
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