

Receiv. Ins. 3^d Brigade
Corral Tur Lu.

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Dear Mollie

Once more the pleasant
task of writing to you must be performed.
Arrived on the morning of the 28th of Augst. found
things rather gloomy. my brother was very sick
no more some better. he has resigned and will
start home to morrow. This leaves me alone
and really makes me feel rather lonely. Though
am determined to hold up my head and keep
in the best spirits. Since the day I started
from your house. have not been well just at
this time am enjoying a very fine Cough
which annoys me most to death. especially of
nights. think that a few more days in that
Country would have cured me to take fevers.
The Climate being so different. To me the trip down
was very pleasant the boat so crowded. and the
mosquitoes had no mercy on a fellow. —
This camp is but six miles from the City of New
Orleans. Have visited the city twice once went on
excursion to the lake which is one of the finest
scenes in the Dunny South. and a great bathing
place. Is remarkable. Hundreds may be seen
of evening. fishing. sailing. rowing. and every

imaginable amusement. Could we remain here we
might enjoy a soldier's life. We are now under
marching orders for posts unknown to me. Some
say Probable others the interior of Texas. time can only
tell preparations are being made for a fight. and
the campaign bids fare to be desperate. The weather
being ever warmer the command will suffer from its
effects. Our Army Corps (13th) has been transferred
to this Department under Maj. Genl. Banks
Our boys do not seem to like their Eastern friends
Every body stands back from a crew of the 13th Corps
The Citizens Grant Army are all the boys. with glass
eyes. — The Hero says us a visit to morrow and
has a grand review. a great time expected.
may that time soon come when we will again be
commanded by him. Its surprising to see the great
feeling exhibited in favor of Grant by every officer
and soldier of this command. Really I believe him
to be the hero of the situation. May it be Maj. Genl
Grant. that will strike the last death blow to
rebellion God send how soon it may be struck.
Think by the time our term of service (13^{mo}) expires the
100,000 will have expired like the death may be
final. Certainly some of the leaders will die the
third death in the day of Judgment. and then
be cast into Satans Southern Confederacy
Excuse me for rising such large game for
my feelings as so — And here after you may expect
to hear my exact feelings upon any subject. Am now
acquainted I hope

Well I must say that just at this time I am
very anxious to see you. "and have a Chat" concerning
certain things that are of great importance to me just
at this time. As the pleasure of seeing you is impossible
it must be settled by writing - Is it natural for
me to presume that you take some interest in my
behalf - and have some choice as to occupation
or profession in life. and now I deem it my duty
(in as much as we are engaged) to speak plainly,
and in all things consult your wishes and pleasure
which duty will afford the pleasure of my life. which
for the last five years has really been gloomy - now
the future has brightened by the promise of your hand
and may I say that pure and noble hearts may
that time soon come when will be as one - How
can I but look forward to that time as the beginning
of a life of true pleasure and unlimited hopes
When I think of you. noble one. my heart thrills
with joy. and causes me to think of my unworthiness
But I am digressing - Just at this time prospects
are bright as to the close of the war and it becomes
my duty to consider what shall be their occupation
after wars and in this matter. your preference
will be wanted. The reason I have for speaking this
is that I must now decide for positions in the army
as tendered me. which are good but would compell
me to stay for at least two years. and perhaps
longer. that would not matter unless I finish the study
of law and the practice the profession. if I do this time

is more precious. And I must quit the army in a few months and commence the study. You have frequently spoken in a way that led me to think that you were not at all partial to that profession. You know that it is one that leads to a life (both for husband & wife) quite different to that of farmer, merchant or any other, one that may not suit you, in case it does it is my determination to not stay in the Army more than five or six months more — if not my attention will be turned to military affairs until the war ends. and perhaps after wards will you be kind enough to write soon and give me your opinion freely. That I may determine and either accept a position that is offered or refuse. Friday 4th Last evening was ~~a day~~ one of interest. visiting the Deck of the Ship To day the Regatta was fine and made a great camp reason. We march in the morning for — Cant. Teller Hoping to hear from you I am
Yours

Henry,



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