

Cascade May ^{the} 1862

Dear Sister

I received your letter and was glad to hear from you. we are all well at present and hope these few lines will find you all the same I havent much news to write so you must not scholde if I dont write a very longue letter this time I havent heard from Leon in some time the last letter was written the 12th of March New Orleans is taken so properly they are there, there is no mail priviledges there or I should hear After I will sende you a couple of papers with letters in from him I hope this war is about done with folks seemes to think so hear the hardest struggle is now

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May ^{the} 6th well I will begin
again I got a letter from
Leon last Saturday dated
the 24th of March he was
at Ship Island then but
the Lord only knows
where they are now he
said he had not heard a
word from the north sin-
ce he left fortress Mowat
he was impatient to hear
what was going on up in
North America John and
Madison Hugue is sick they
are at Pittsburg landing
there has been several deaths
in Capt Rogers Co that
went from here occasioned
by homesickness it led into
fevers I havent heard from
Marand in a long time

and as for Lois I have alin
ost forgotten that there is
such a person in the world
it has ben so longue
since I heard from ~~her~~ her
if you have heard from them
Just inform me of the
fact I would like to get
post office adress so I could
write to her tell than
and Mary I wish them
much Joy Eugene sayes
he wants to see grand
ma and aunt zine and
all the rest of the folks
and so do I write soone
write often and tell the
rest to write well I shas
scribbled enuf for this time
do good by from your sister
Joy
Francis E Bartlett