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Bicksburg August 8th/63

Dear Aunt -

I again take my pen to scribble a few lines to you my health is good but the weather is so hot that one ^{can} hardly breathe some times, it is some time since I have heard from home, the last letter I got from there was dated the 14th of July they were all well at that time, that is all of our family Aunt Eunices health was quite poor. we are having very good times here now no duty at all to do only to clean up our quarters once and a while and that does not take long. the rest of the time we lay around our quarters and make our selves as comfortable as possible we are camped about a mile from the City and such a city. I have

only been in town once since
we have been here and I don't
think I shall go again unless I am
obliged to. I got homesick before
I had been there fifteen moments
and went back to Camp just as
soon as I could. it is as dreary as
a graveyard. we expect to go down
the River soon, our corps has to
guard the River from Rodney Miss.
to the Mississippi state line, so when
we get down there we will have
plenty to do. Aunt I wish you had
some of the peaches we have here
in camp every day, for I suppose
you do not have any there, here about
all the fruit we get is peaches.

Denis Jones is down the
River to Natchez I expect he will
be back here in a few days, you
must excuse a short letter this time
love to all. write soon

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