

Alexandria S A

March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1804

Dear Mother

It is with Pleasure  
that i now take my pen  
cil in hand to write  
you a few lines to  
let you know that i  
am well, & i hope this  
will find you the  
Same we got ~~to~~  
hear yesterday after a  
hard march we was  
on the road 10 days  
from Franklin which  
is about a 150 miles  
we found lots of  
Spurger on the way we  
have seen thousands  
of hogheads of rice  
as you ever see me

Made the Srens &  
hogs suffer i tell you  
we expected to have a brush  
with the rebs before we  
got hear but they will  
skedaddled they had taken  
Alexandria they took it on the  
16 inst now we expect to  
go to Shrevesport on wed  
we shall <sup>have</sup> some fighting  
but we have got gat force enough  
to lick them out i expect a  
letter from you today i hope  
i shall get one so i can  
hear from that money  
if you have not rule  
about it vite in your next  
we expect the rebs is  
about 25000 <sup>strong</sup> we have  
about a 190 miles before  
we get to Shrevesport  
will as i have made  
Dutch make a writing

guess I had better  
stop the most I care  
about is to let you  
know that I am well  
I saw Clint Harris  
this morning he is  
well give my love  
to all our folks at  
Present only write soon  
This is from your  
Son Seth Hill

To His Dear Mother  
Direct to the 153d Regt  
N.Y. S.V. Co the first  
Brigade first Division  
19 army corps New Orleans  
La  
So good By