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Franklin S A
March 6th 1864

Dear mother as we have
stoped I will try & write
you a few lines to
let you know that I am
well & I hope when
this reaches you it will
find you the same left
Washington D C on the 18th
of Feb marched to Alexandria
VA stayed there until the
20 of Feb when we took
transport over the bridge
dep is good it first rate
we landed at Aquia
on the 27 of Feb it is
across the river from
Newmarket it is a large
place we stayed in Aquia
until Thursday night when

Off took the cars
for Brashear city
we got there there at
Yack the next morning
then we took the ^{Steam} boat
across the bayou then we
sarched a file ^{mile} or two
then we stoped & cooked
some grub we have marchd
to Franklin it is a very
nice country here & healthy
we have got our tents &
up but will be on the
move in the course of a
few days they have
burnt the country all two
Pieces from Brashear
city to Franklin Plantations
all destroyed i have seen
a hill since we came in
the Mississippi River it a
level country and we have
see tents of oranges

Growing peach
trees is all in blossom
grass is Six inches high
& it is pretty warm i
expect one shall go through
two Texas but i dont
know my will I
clean the rebels out if
one can this Spring
so one can go home
this winter there was
a man in our company
went over two never leaves
too see his cousin B &
he wouldnt shake hands
with him he didnt like
the union uniform my
pet is some sure I will
have too stay writing and
get something too eat so
good by

P. S. March 7th 1864

Dear Mother

I take my pen in hand
this morning to let
you know that I am well
now I will tell you where

I left some things I
left a new dress coat
& a pair of pants too
Mr. ~~Paris~~ Dear Prior &

I Washington I tell you
where they are so if any
thing happens you will
know where they are
if any body can read this
they will do for lawyers
I heard last night that
the 15 regt was coming to
go with us also the second
retiren cavalry they are

was in New Orleans
when we got there
tell Gene that Clint is
well but Harris is sick