

May 23, 1864

Dear Mother,

We got here yesterday at 12 o'clock and went into camp on the bank of the Mississippi. We left Alexandria on the 12th and got to Simpsport on the 17th and stayed there until the 19th and we marched 25 miles down the river where we are now encamped.

The weather is very, very warm here. We have new potatoes, peas, lettuce, beets, and all kinds of garden goods. We have marched 600 miles since the 15th of March and have done some fighting in the bargain. We have had a pretty hard march. One day coming from Grandcore to Alexandria we marched 40 miles. Our fighting is over for the present. There is no force of rebs very near here.

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