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Margarites Bend S. A.

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Dear Mother

I now take the Present Opportunity to write you a few lines to let you know that i am well and i hope these few lines will find you the same there is no news of importance to write our cavalry went out on a Scout yesterday and they bagged 200 rebs & 300 horses i see by the papers that Grant is having quite a time in virginia we are getting our camp fixt up bully but we may have to leave it before we have any good of it you know that a Soulgier dont stay long in a place or we hant for the last three months we have traveled some i recan i heard yesterday that the 19 Army Corps was to be kept along the Missisippi River to keep it open from New Orleans to Vixburgh I got a letter from Follen the other day she said my Buisness was going out as well as it can she said they thought ^{there} would be no doubt about it i hope there will be no doubt of it i think it will be a shure thing if it is done Right and i think I have gat friends enough to see it through i hope my papers will come before me more again but i hant aqainto make to much Caculation on if for it may all fall through but i hope not i dont have much of any thing to do when we are in camp i dont have no guard Duty to do we have inspection at Sundown every on the ~~the~~

Weather Is no Quite so warm
to day the blackberries ^{is} about all gone
you wrote to me about a Pair of Trainers
& a Pair of Sacks and some cake but
~~you~~ you didnt write how you sent them but
however i didnt get them I A Warehouse
and Ed West has gone home on a furlough
of 60 days I dont know of any thing
more at present only Henry says that
thing as fast as you can i have seen
Enough of soulgiving So I will close
By bidding you Good by Write soon
From your Affectionate Son Seth Hill
To His Dear Mother

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Wester. Transamie. Aug. 31. 1864