

Thibodaux La. March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1864

Dear Nettie

It is a long time since I had the pleasure of receiving a letter from you & the one I have just received proves so much more acceptable on that account.

I am glad to hear that you are so well & hope you may continue so I have enjoyed excellent health for a long time back with the exception of a heavy cold caught during our rainy season & which I hope soon to be rid of.

Ella's letter apprising me of Miss Jennie's marriage with Mr. McKee rather astonished me, but I suppose the matter had been arranged for some time. I am glad to hear of Jennie's marriage & hope she may enjoy much happiness. I should like to have been home at the time.

I intend to try for a furlough some time in the summer. I cannot very well get off before then as we may be ordered in the field & I must be with the regiment when they move.

We are very dull here at present, having nothing to do day after day except drill, which is not the pleasantest exercise in the world, although it does help to kill time.

The army is preparing for a grand move in some direction, probably to Texas overland. Commodore Farragut is stirring up the Mobilians by an occasional shell dropped into their forts & manages to keep them pretty well scared.

I do not know of any thing but under shirts wanted by me at the present moment. I have only two of these articles. I am pretty well provided, as I brought some shirts in New Orleans a couple of months ago, for wear in case of a campaign. Stockings I am short of when I come to think of it, as I only have three pairs fit to wear, & they will soon follow the rest. I wear Cotton Socks altogether.

Hoping soon to hear from you again I remain

With love

Frank

Love to all.