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Near Jackson Miss. 7th mo. 17th/63

Honored Father Mother Brothers & Sisters.

I have the oportunity of once more writing you a few lines to inform you of my welfare and where abouts I am in pretty good health at present although there is several of the boys sick J. S. Poe is some sick but improving and will soon be well I think the sickness was caused by hard marching mainly wee left Oak ridge the 3rd of July and was 2 days getting over Big Black river the rebels tried to keep us from crossing but we got a cross without any serious accident to the Army wee then marched on to Jackson after the Rebs skirmished with them some before they got there we found them in the city well forgified wee have been approaching the city with artillery for 4 or 5 days and were now nearly ready to open on them when wee found that they had evacuated they have been leaving for several days very likely but kept a bold from to cover it wee that is our reg. were in front 24 hours skirmishing there were 8 wounded only one out of our company S. L. Johns he was only slightly wounded the points of his fingers shot off I have no idea where wee will go now I hardly think wee will follow Johnson wee may go up the river. Wee have rumors here that the eastern army have gained a victory over Lee and it even goes so far as Richmond being in our possession but I don't believe till I have better evidence. Our men took thirty one thousand two hundred & 20 prisoners at Vicksburgh besides the officers and an amount of Artillery & 5000 at Port Hudson. I received a letter from you some 3 days ago written the 29th of last mo I have not had the oportunity of writing for some time till now. I have several postage stamps yet. I wrote some letters about the 1st of the mo one to Charles. I will not write any more at present. Write as soon as posible I want to hear as often as convenient

Your well wishing son John Mills