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Haines Blufs Miss 6th mo 15th 63 (June 15, 1863)

Dear Father Mother—Brothers and sisters.

I have the oportunity of writing you a few lines once more. I am well at present so are the remainder of the camp any except A. H. Ballard he is some what unwell but not very bad. Wee left Memphis last 3rd day morning for this point and arrived where last 6th day, we have been busy ever since we were on picket once and were occupied fixing up our tents and cleaning off the quarters, one day and yesterday we were employed diging rifle pits there are ranges of hills all around here which wee are fortifing to keep Johnson from getting in the rear of Grant wee are some 10 miles from Vicksburgh we can hear the bombarding of the town very plainly it is kept up very constant. Wee have a very nice place to camp and I think it will be healthy alhough the water does not taste very good. I received 2 letters by J. H. Busie. We have just drew a mess pan of sour crout it is quite a rarity. Wee got an abundance of hard tack and pork coffee and sugar which furnishes us a wholsome living we had a very nice trip down the Mississippi notwithstanding it rained all the time. There is not very mutch to be seen coming down the river except cainbreaks and chimneys where there has once been the residence of some rich planter but he has been burned out of house and home and skedaddled into the interior.

I have nothing more to write at present. Write often.

Your well wishing Son Jno Mills.