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Camp of the 45th Milicans [sic] Bend  
18 miles above Vicksburg April 24th 63

Friend John

I received yours of the 14th last Tuesday evening [sic] and just as I had done reading it we had orders to fall in and when we had got in the ranks the Colonel told us that [Logan] had sent over for Volintees [sic] to run the Blockade on some Transports about one half of our Regiment Volinteed [sic] to go and we wer [sic] marched over to head quarters but when we got thare [sic] they did not want any but Pilots Engineers and Firemen of course that put me out as I did not understand any of theas [sic] and I would not

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undertake any such thing unless I understood it well although I wanted to go very much thare [sic] was two went out of our Company Bil [sic] Trip and Charlie Flint went as Engineers they had boath [sic] ran small Enjines [sic] when they wer [sic] at home. six Transports left hear [sic] Wednesday night and at twelve O clock they went past Vicksburg and they all got through safe except one she was sunk and burnt but all the Crew got of [sic] on our side of the River thare [sic] was but two lives loss [sic] and but two or three wounded. what do you think of that when we can run wash tubs by thare [sic] thare [sic] Baternys [sic] and not have them sunk. Grant is bound to make A shure thing hear [sic] and when he has every thing

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fixed all right he will make the attact [sic] and when we do make it we are bound to take it I have no more news to tell you this time except that they are going to Consoladate [sic] all old Regiments together and I suppose that we shall soon be in an other Regt. hoping that theas [sic] few lines will find you well I remane [sic] your Friend

George

thare [sic] is very heavy Canonading [sic] just Commenced in the direction of Vicksburg