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City of Vicksburg

July 5<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear Father

I am in the Court house at Vicksburg have just came [sic] down off of the top whare [sic] our flag is proudly floteing [sic] before the brease [sic]. on the third we wer [sic] on picket when the Rebels sent out A Flag of truse [sic] to make conditions for A surrender but all the conditions that they could get out of Grant wer [sic] unconditional and they wer [sic] from ten O clock on the third untill [sic] about the same time on the forth [sic] at half past ten

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O clock on the forth [sic] of july eightteen [sic] hundred and sixty three we marched in to the City of Vicksburg tryumphant [sic] it was the best forth for the Souldiers [sic] that any of them saw but it was very hot and Dusty we found the Souldiers [sic] and Citazans [sic] liveing [sic] in Caves in the ground our Regement [sic] is on [Proov] duty hear [sic] and I am on duty now and cannot write any more now but will write you A long letter soon best love to all and with the same to you I remane [sic] your affectinate [sic]

Son