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I had a ride on the tennessee river to day in a boat.

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Dear Sister,

I have got to the Regt. once more I got to them this morning found them at the mouth of battle creek on the tennessee river adoing guard duty they are a guarding a pontoon Bridge over the tenn, I found all the boys from prairieville well, & most of the company Lieut Frank as got a shake of the ague this afternoon the Capt is all right I so[saw] Lieut Dexter this morning he is well he is there with the pontoon Bridge I have not give him his thing yet but will soon, Gen Rosencrans is a

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having a hard fight not far from chatanooga they say it is one of the hardest fights of the campaign I have seen lots of wounded come in two or three thousand of them our Regt. for the first time as not been called to go in to it so far nor do I think that we shall but then still we may most of them seem to think that we shall come out all right but they say that most of the confederate army are here there is lots of troops here from Lees army on the patomac but then we think that Rossy [Rosencrans?] will be enough for them. If you only was here now I think that you would see plenty of a battle and not go out to the battle field for the wounded are agoing by most of the time our Drs is hard at work all the time dressing thare wounds & it is so warm and dry here that it is pretty hard for the poor fellows it look hard to see them com in all dust and dirt & thare wounds not dressed yet only what they have done for themselves but they do the best for them that they can but then that is not enough to make them comfortable but then battles must be fought & we must

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suffer before this war is over, I am in hopes that this battle may come out in our favour many of the poor fellow thare is that never will see another. I stayed at the field hospital at stevenson two nights I found lots of them thare that was at Murfreesboro I stayed with little Henry he is still a cooking Mrs Woodrufs husband as got back he is a real nice man Dun is still with them your chicken that the Darkey gave you is still alive, they have got a first rate camp where they [?] are right close to the mountain side. I am in hopes that when this gets to you it may find you all well I feel anxious [?] to hear from you to know how you are agetting along but I hope that you are well before this time I am feeling very well Give my love to all and write soon Im Your ever loving Brother Charlie