

Vicksburg Miss Nov. 12th , 63

Elizabeth.

Seated in the office of the soldiers home I will write a few more lines and mail it previous to our departure for the Crescent City.

We expect to start sometime today and will be from four to six days going there. I took a short walk through the town this morning and should like the privilege of spending about three days time here as there are many things to be seen here which reminds me of scenes which I have passed through within the past year. Scenes which time can never erase from the memory. The haughty rebel might well look down on us with a feeling of defiance perched as he was upon this emmance which nature alone had made impregnable and to which they had added all the advantage of modern art, while we lay down there in the La. swamps dying by the thousand. Our army here is building new fortifications for miles in _____, the strongest I have ever seen and the place begins to look as though Uncle? Sam intends to hold it for ages which I hope may be the case.

Elizabeth, I hope you will excuse the poor connection of this letter as you see it has been written on several different occasions, and is more in the form of a diary than letter. I will write to you again at New Orleans to which place you will please direct to the Regt. Until then good bye and accept the best wishes of your sincere friend.

Leonard