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business for Cate and I regret  
that Cate had any influence in  
getting him to enlist. if I did.

Dilly Hale is tough and makes  
a good Soldier. He is not as homesick  
as Cate is.

It is my impression that  
Cate is rather playing it on them but  
I may be mistaken.

I close by again asking  
you to write often. I mean all of  
you.

Ever Yours  
Wm. W.

Algiers La July 5, 1864

Dear Parents

I don't feel as though  
I send you a letter for I have not  
recd. any from you in a long while  
but I cannot stop writing home  
even if I don't receive any from  
you. We are ~~not~~<sup>now</sup> at Algiers opposite  
New Orleans. Came down from Hong Kong  
and arrived here yesterday. There is  
an expedition being fitted out and  
part of the troops have already em-  
barked on Ocean Steamers. We shall  
probably leave in a day or two.

Our destination is yet unknown only to  
the higher officials. Some think we  
are going to join Grant and others think  
we are going to Pensacola Fla. and  
from there move on and attack Mobile  
Ala. The latter is my opinion.



I have been quite unwell for the past few days but am feeling somewhat better to-day but am still excused from duty.

Dr. Benedict joined us this morning for the first time since we arrived here. I have not spoken with him yet but shall go and have a talk with the old fellow before long.

My lungs are in quite a bad state and I am afraid of the Consumption but Capt. Hopping uses me just as he would an own son and says I need not go on any hard marches or drills. I never was used as well in the army by any one as I have been by Capt. Hopping ever since I re-enlisted.

Coming from Morganga here there was 7 Regiments aboard the boat on which crowded us in pretty snug. The Capt. came to me and told me

to go in his State Room (which enlisted men were not allowed in) and ~~and~~ not go out for any body. This was in the after-noon and at night the Capt. slept on the floor and let me sleep on his bed. That is something I never saw any Officer do before.

After the 26<sup>th</sup> of November next there will doubtless be a consolidation of Companies and most of the Officers will go home and if I don't get a Commission before then I shall go in for my discharge and get it too.

The position in which I am sitting is a hard one and as my lung pains me severely I will have to close for this ~~time~~ but will write again as soon as we reach our destination.

Det. Sovell is in the Hospital at New Orleans. Capt. Foster is with us but quite unwell. Soldiering is not



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Soldier's Letter



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