

Baton Rouge Louisiana
March 1st 1863

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Description: Sgt. Calvin Titcomb of the 22nd Maine Infantry wrote to his mother in Kingsbury from Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He said he was "far away from home and in a hostile land."

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(Titcomb)

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