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My dear People,

Here we are at Selma, where we arrived yesterday afternoon, left Montgomery last Wednesday and were five days on the road, the first day, only got across the river, and yesterday marched but eight miles, the other three days made long marches. the whole distance is but forty five miles, but we had to go a long way round on account of the bridges being burnt, only our Div. came here and make this Hd.Ns. & keep the 3^d Briade Col Marshall's. Our Brigade goes to Demopolis on the Tombigbee, and the Vse is going to Meridian & Jackson Miss. -- We go from here by rail & I expect shall get off tomorrow. I hope our marching is over, we have got on to a line of Rail Road and I hope shall keep on it as long as we stay in the service, and I hope that wont be very long. I heard last night that all the /DV men are to be mustered out very soon, and the sooner the better will suit me for I am sicker -- & sicker all the time, our regt, is about played out and everybody seems to be trying to make the remaing time as unplesant as possible from the Col.

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This was one of the finest towns in the whole south at the beginning of the war and the largest manufactory of war materials except Richmond when Wilson came in & he burned all the founderies & public property & most of the stores & some private dwellings were also burned and the town sadly torn up, but it's a beautiful town yet. Some of the finest streets I ever saw, one has a row of fountains each side for a long distance and all nicely shaded ~ contains about seven thousand inhabitants and not a union man among them. I guess our J[?]town boys received worse treatment here than at any other place, on their route, but they will get

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their pay with interest, ~ The weather is very warm but the nights are cool & about daylight very cold, so I shiver about an hour every morning since we have been on the march and had to get up at three. I've concluded not to settle in this country — Ive received a mail the morning we left Montgomery and for me your letter of the 21. April only nineteen days on the way. I don't see why it need take our mail so long to get round, but after this I hope it will come thro by rail from Vicksburg. Ive not e

h^{ard} anything from Fred Merrill for some time & should not be surprised if he was at Shakopee now as they were giving furloughs to those that wanted them, the last I knew of him he was at Masine Hospital N.O. & doing firstrate.

The wild fruit is getting ripe, but we have had but very little, some mulberries & blackberries

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Yours Mose

I didnt know this sheet was torn till I had written one page