

Franklin Feb 24 - 1864

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in writing saying I was in the state of
Indiana and you might think strang that we
had got away of into that state I is well
be A writing to you as I have nothing else to do
we ar in the state of Louisiana about 130 miles
from New Orleans so when you write direct
to New Orleans Louisiana Co. A 30 Me. Reg
and it will com to us whear ever we be thear
an number of negroes about here it is said
theare is 5000 in camp on the other side of the river
or Bayou as they call it I talkt with a number
of them they ar more enteligent then I expect to
find them they know about what is going on as
well as the whites I can receive more information from
them then I can get from the whites that belong here
what is not implied by the government an
while the women ar cooking or washing for the soldiers
the children fetch most of the water it is curious to see
little girls not so big as Liza caring A pail of water
on her head without touching it or spiling a drop
I took diner yesterday with the cook had backt pigeons
fresh leaf corn cake ___ its is quite warm
here after the sun gits up so I am glad to git into
the shade but damp cool nights thear is no hile to be seen
about here very rich deep soil thear is not any rebel army
anywhar near these The 22 Reg. got into New Orleans
about 1/2 hour before we did did not git up here
until Sunday I com onto my post about sunrise stay
until breakfast time go down eat my breakfast com back
until noon & stay until 7 o'clock it is easy a chore
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in front of the house which I walk in or set under
as I like. Yours in love Philemon A. Bradford

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