

Duck Landing La

April 9th 1862

My Dear Wife Nellie

I have

not reced a letter from any
one since I arrived here. with-
er have I written to any one

We are camped in a very pretty
place on a level piece of meadow
land near the river. where steam
boats of all kinds are passing
hourly. We are within a few
miles of Vicksburg. Today we
have heard heavy cannonading
in two directions. We very often
hear firing in the direction
of Vicksburg. Our Div is saying
here inactive. excepting what
they do on the Canal. Every
day one Brigade is at work

digging in the Canall but
Soldiers do not work very well
and the job goes on rather slow
considering the number of men
at work. This is a new Canall
They were obliged to leave the old one
that we have seen at work on so
long. I have been very busy or
I should have written oftener if
late. but our Regt has not rec'd
any mail since we came here. and
I do not know whether any has
gone from here. or not. The
weather has been very fine
cool & pleasant since we came
here my health is excellent
as usual. Day before yesterday
we were paid off, rec'd 4 months
pay. I get along first rate
with Mr Allen. The day we
were paid we took in about

\$2500.00. and we have been
very busy since. Mr Allen is
going to start for Memphis
by the first boat that goes up
to buy a new stock of goods
Broo Newen is going to help
me while he is gone. he expects
to be gone 8 or 10 days. I have
but little time to write now
but I must get this ready
to send to Memphis by Allen
and have it mailed from there
I have got about \$400. to send
home, but have no way at
present to send it as there
is no exp res line running
either to Albert Lea or very
near Granger. so I can not
sell exp res it through. I have
not heard from home in so
long that I do not know

whether Uncle succeeded in buying
that house & lot or not. if he
did he will need the money I
have. but the Major is expecting
a leave of absence to go home
in a few days if he goes I can
send it up by him. if he does
not go he will give me an
order to draw it from his store
and take my money here and
it pass it to New York where
he buys his goods. I ~~now~~ have
now been with Allen nearly
one month at \$1. per day. and
I can get my wages from him
any time. That I have a chance
to send it home I think I
will send some to you occasionally
in my letters. but I would
not ³ risk much at a time

The health of the troops here now
is very good, but the warm weather
will soon be here and there will
probably be more sickness than
I am very anxious to hear from
you again my loved Kellie and
if I were not kept so busy or
did not have so much company
as I do to keep me from getting
lonesome, I should worry a good
deal about not getting any mail
from any one but I do hope to
hear from you soon, do not see
why our mail does not come to
us here, I guess I will send a
few dollars in this to you, Mr.
Allen is getting ready to go I
must close this I will write
soon again, Yours as ever
Love to all the folks Warner