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On Board the Hiawatha  

Jan. 3, 1863

Dear Parents, brothers & sisters,

I am still right side up with care. On the 24th of last month we went up the Yazoo river until we were about 12 miles from Vicksburg. Landed a little after night & marched out-out toward Vicksburg as far as Walnut hill. We remained there until New Year night part of the time under the enemies shell. New year night we evacuated the place & brought off everything & yesterday about 2 P. M. I pushed off & are now
on the Mississippi some miles above Vicksburg on the Louisiana or rather by it for we are not landed yet what we will do next I don't know. Quite a number of our boys are sick or at least not well so I must give them some of my time and attention now so call this a letter & answer it & I will write again in a day or two.

There was some ten inches of water fell last night.

Direc’t to 96 o.m.
A. J. Smith’s Division of the army of Tenn.

Thos.
On board the Hiawatha,

Jan. 3rd, 1863.

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