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Perkins Plantation La

May. 1, 63

Dear Sister,

I am still well & getting along well as ever. We are still at Perkins Plantation but are going to move in the course of 2 or 3 days.

We are going down to Grand Gulf to garrison that place. How long we will remain there is yet to be seen but I suppose we will remain there on duty until Vicksburg is taken or something else happens. This is only guess work you know. It is said that we are not likely to have much more

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rather captivated with the climate.

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plenty here & they make  
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Perkens Plantation, La.

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