Near Fort McRee Florida

May 4th 1862

Dear Brother

I received your of 29th of April which the contents of it grieved me very much to hear the death of my onley Brother it almost broke my heart Oh when I think on the past it Makes my very heart Shudder Poor Charlie has payed the debt which we all have to pay Dear Ferde it is impossible for me to express my awful feelings ever Since I heard of the death of my dear Brother Charlie for there was nothing more unexpected ever come to my ears than the death of him. Ferde it is imposible for me to write you Such news as my mournful feeling are Oh when I think about the Girls that is Sister & Sallie it hurts my feelings very much for I do pity them both but I know that it is out of my power or theirs to restore dear Charlie back with us therefore I do try and take it as easy as I can but it is imposible for me to content my weary mind poor Charlie is gone and gone for ever may God bless him. Dear Ferde we are going to leave Pensacola in ~~ab~~ very few days it may be posible we will be sent to Mobile our baggage

is all gone you must try and meet me in mobile for I do want to See you if the 27th Miss regt is in Mobile any time you must try and come to See me inquire for company G in the 27th Miss Regt So I will close

No more but remains your friend

James R. Riggs

P.S. I received a letter from Sister at the time I got yours I answered ~~yo~~ hers yesterdays there was all well when She wrote

No more from you friend

J. R. R