Camp Pettus
Near Mobile Ala

June 20 the 1862 "

My Dear Sister

I take my pen in hand to write you a few lines in reply to your must welcome letter which I received Some time ago and also answered it Several days ago but fail to Send it off
I have nothing of interest to write you only I am very good health at the present time hoping these few lines may find you and family all well Sister I am expected Pa to See me every day he Sent me word Several days ago that he intend to come and See me as soon as he could
I have not See Herde in several days I hope to see him in a day or two the 27 th Miss regt did not move very far we are only about one mile and a half from the Battle House in mobile we have charge of a Battery four guns ~~three~~ three 32 pdr Rifles one 8 in clbd you must be sure to write to me as soon as you get this for I am getting very anxious to hear from you Sister I would very much to See you and Sallie very much tell Sallie if she think she can come to See me I want her to do so

but at the same time I know it would be very lonesome to you for Sallie to be absent from you Sister my Capt has appointed me Ordinance Sergeon of our Battery I have no guard duty to peform it is very confining Situation for I have to remains at the Battery day and night in case of A engagement I will have to be very busy loading the Bombs and Shells I am going to try and visit mobile next Saundy give my love to Sallie and the children write soon to your affectionate Brother

J. R. Riggs