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Head Quarters 2^d Brigade
Defences of New Orleans
July 2^d 1863

My Dear Wife

I drop you a few
lines just to say we are all well
to date as I learn the George W. H.
Kington leaves tomorrow we
got no news from Port Hudson
at all just now. The Enemy are
giving us some annoyance along
the River firing at our transpor-
ts as low down as College Point.
C^o Frier has come in to the City.
I sent you or rather placed in
the Express for you \$200.00 on
the 1st of July being the greatest part
of my two months salary to
1st of July I hope it will be enough to
enable you to make the arrange-
ment with Father & Aunt, I will if I can

as I think I may while detached
in Command of the Brigade
be able to get my pay monthly
sent you once a month. I also
sent you the little trinkets I spoke
of and an "Ecce Homo" for
Mother Bernard. It was only a
trifle but I could see nothing
else that struck me as approp-
riate. I have had no oppor-
tunity of communicating
with Major Mahen since
receiving your last announcing
the birth of the little one
I shall do so at the first opportunity.
A rumour was in circulation
here of the death of Patrick
McCarten but I cannot
trace it to any reliable source.
There was no action at Point
Hudson at the time specified
for his death.
As usual I am very busy

If you see Mayor Welch
say to him that it has been
impossible for me to express
to his Commission at Plaquemine,
but will do so at
the first opportunity.

My health is very good and
add as are all others at
present thank God.
What sickness there is here is
of a very mild type so
far I really think there is
as little here as at home.

Give my regards to all en-
quiring friends, apologise
to Michael Foley for me for
this mail I try to remember
me in my next don't let Father
Hart stop writing if I don't
answer every one I wrote the last
one in such a hurry that I was
ashamed of it. I will try to
make up the next time.

Give my Love to Ellen
Kiss the Babies as usual
for me tell Mary to make
haste and learn to write
a letter to me, and tell Eddie
is to get Ready and go to school
for Papa I am afraid you
are too fond of Tommy but
God is good
God Bless you all
from your loving
husband

Thos. W. Child

O I have forgotten the
number but think it ought
to be ten