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Head Quarters Co. 3rd 65th U.S. C. Inf.
Baton Rouge La. March 1st /66.

Dear Parents and Brothers,

Once more I write, to let you know that I am well, and enjoying myself finely. This may be the last letter I may send you from this place for some time, as I am going to leave today for Clinton La. with my Company. I have been assigned to the command of the Post, and I think will have with me Lt. Hutchins a particular friend and brother of mine, and will have my own company with me. Two Companies of the 7th Ky. came in from there today, as their Reg. is to be mustered out. Clinton is a County town, about 34 miles N.E. of here, but I never was there. The change will be something new to me, but I trust I will be enabled to get along. Of course I will be surrounded by rebels, in abundance, but I hope we will get along peaceably. I think I will have more leisure, and I know it will be easier for my men than here. Not knowing the particulars I will defer until my next, and then let you know everything. We will establish mail communication twice or three times a week. I think

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I have been quite busy for a few days with my usual Returns Reports and Muster Rolls and am not yet through.

Serjt. Huston of my company received an appointment as Commissioned Sergeant and has left the comp'y for the Field & Staff.

I have very little news to write about and will bring this hurried letter to a close just before I start away.

The Col. decides to send me out alone, to reconnoitre. There is a Capt of the Freedmen Bureau out there. If he & me think, infantry troops are needed out there I will come back & bring out my company.

If we think otherwise I won't go.

Meantime I ride out myself.

Good Bye for the Present
Yours Affectionately
J. Montgomery
Capt. Co. D. 65th U.S.C.