

you will please tell Father
and Mother that I am right
side up and in good health
have plenty to eat and not
much to do. When we will leave
this place I can't tell we may
stay here all summer, if I have
is on guard to day he is well

I want you to write
as soon as you get
this letter and give
me history of what is a going
on in Ireland
I send my best respects
to you and all
inquiring friend
The family and all
remains a friend till
Death
Wm Gavin
H. reg. Ireland Vol Co C

Algiers, Louisiana, May
The 19th 1864.

Mrs. Leaven. Gavin Dear Sir
I believe when I left home
that I promised to write you a
letter I will now proceed to fulfill
that promise, in the first place
I can tell you that I am well
and enjoying myself fine. I think
that this is a very healthy climate
the boys all look stout and hearty
as a general thing. We had a fine
rain last night. it has been very
warm for several days but it is now
cooler. every thing is a growing fine
new potatoes and beans are now a
coming in to use I took dinner
in the city the other day we had
potatoes beans and a very large cat
fish and some nice mackerel which
was just like old times

I suppose you would like to know something in regard to our army in this department Gen Banks is still upon read river with his army the news come down yesterday that he had fell back to the mouth of read river after burning Eloxander we have a tolerable large force up there there is a bout 40000 men

So they say it seems that there is something wrong in this department in regard to the success of our army I have seen several of the boys that was in the fight they are down on Banks we lost a good ^{many} men in that Expedition we had three boats sink, our regiment was badly cut up we have been looking for the regiment down for some time but they have not come yet I think they will be down in a few days that is the talk now

It seems that all eyes are turned to Richmond now, if the news are correct Grant is a playing a heavy hand and Lee the news this morning is that Lee has fallen back to his intrenchments at Richmond and that Grant is a pushing on I hope the day is not far distant when the death blow will be struck and that the rebellion will sink to rise no more I think that day is at hand

I believe I have nothing more to write at this time

I suppose you are planting corn now, put out a large crop I come home next fall and help you to gather it, Corn looks fine here it will strike a man shoulder here now you can see that up north