March 20, 1863

Brother and Sister

Feb 15 came to hand

Good morning, welcome as ever

We are still at camp well

under orders to march and

I expect we shall about the
day after tomorrow, at any
rate our supply train is loaded
and we cannot stay here a

great while longer. We have

a long march before us about

seven hundred miles, some

of the men say we shall go through

without fire wood or water

and I don't see where our wood

is to come from, we shall have
to get along with as little as

possible. We are furnished with

hard bread, a sort of sea

biscuit made entirely of

flour and water to break one