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HEADQUARTERS,
Army before Jackson, July 14, 1863—8 p. m.

GENERAL: All is well with us. I think I have troops enough. Johnston is still in Jackson, and our skirmishers are engaged all round the lines, and but little execution done by either party. Our lines of investment are well covered by rifle-trenches. We are now firing every five minutes from four different batteries day and night, and, as soon as the ammunition train is up, will increase the fire. We now reach Pearl River above and below the town. I do not think Johnston is receiving re-enforcements; at all events, he has manifested no intention to rally,

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and has permitted us to surround him with parapets. A brigade is breaking railroad both ways, and as soon as I know our ammunition train is coming I will send a good brigade and artillery and cavalry to complete the destruction of Canton and Big Black River Bridge; also a cavalry party to Brookhaven, south.

W. T. SHERMAN,
Major-General, Commanding Army.

Maj. Gen. U. S. GRANT.
