

Head Quarters 2<sup>d</sup> Brigade, 2<sup>d</sup> Division  
19<sup>th</sup> Army Corps.  
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My dear Sir

I have a spare moment or tow to reply to yours of 26<sup>th</sup> Feby. We hare here to the front but I do not expect our Brigade or regiment will see much active service as it looks to me like a Cotton Operation still one cannot say from day to day what may transpire.

I wish you would at once send me L.K. Johnson's account of this place & I will try to collect it. He is an infernal rascal & if we can get anything it will be so much gained. I see Ned has had his photograph taken will you not please send me a copy together with yours over to Brooklyn for my collection.

I am glad to hear of your improvement in the store & hope this year will give a good & increasing trade. Would that this wearing tiresome war was over. It might be if the government would act with the energy it requires & if recruiting or drafting was carried out at once.

I hope we shall be sent against Mobile before long.

Love to all in haste

Edward

I had to loan Frank \$60 to equip him for the field to save him & you expense I let him have my camp bed & I look after him & his pocket as much as possible but he is too generous to others. Frank is a good boy & a credit to you his family & me

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