

Thibodaux La. Nov. 18th 63

Dear Father,

On the 7th inst. I received from you a letter dated Oct. 31st & yesterday one dated Nov 7th. I have been unable to write for a week past owing to my duties on the Court Martial, of which I am a member.

I am glad to hear that all at home are well & hope they will continue so. Harry [Tiemann] has entirely recovered & looks like himself again. He is at present in Donaldsonville, in company with Capt. Mitchell, our Inspector General. He went down some three days ago. I suppose he will be back the latter part of this week.

We are having beautiful weather. The days are warm & pleasant, but the nights are extremely cold. We have not had any rain for two weeks. To night is a little cloudy & we may have a storm before long.

The force which went under Genl. [Nathaniel P.] Banks has effected a landing at Point Isabel, Texas & the whole 13th Corps is to be sent to that place, leaving the 19th Corps to guard the territory now in our possession. Whether or not there will be an advance made from Point Isabel I cannot say, but I think it probable. Harry says it is not probable that we will move from here this winter. I hope they will let us lay quiet, for I am tired of marching around the country & want to rest for some time longer.

We have rumours from Mobile that Charleston has been burning sixty five hours. This news is through rebel sources & believed it to be true. I hope it is. We have not as yet received any conscripts from the North. Our regt. grows smaller every day both in men & officers.

We have only nine officers doing duty with the regt. or more properly speaking only seven, for I do not do duty in the regt. while on Court Martial & one of our officers Capt. [Charles] Lewis is going home with the bodies of the officers killed in Irish Bend.

Nettie's Photograph, I do not like at all, & think it very poor. Of the baby I can say nothing, never having seen him. I am glad that you liked mine, for I was afraid you would not think it a good one. I will bear in mind what you say about the name & date, on my next batch.

I am glad to hear business is so good. New Orleans is a little livelier than when I came down here, but not as good as it might be. Cotton has not been grown much & consequently there is but little in the market. Paints, oils &c. range at about N.Y. Prices.

I wish you would send me fifty cans asrtd [assorted] meats as follows – Oysters, pickles, salmon, Lobster, Chicken, Turkey & a few meats such as Beef & Mutton, also Turtle Soup. Send this quantity as it is for our mess. I will send you the money on receipt of the bill. Put in the Express charges also. Send as soon as possible, so we may get it, before we move, if such a thing should happen.

There is no more to write at present. Give my respects to the boys & love to all at home.

I remain
Your Affectionate Son
Frank (Over)

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P.S. Send with the cans of meat 12 Cans of condensed milk, Coffee & Chocolate.
If you feel like investing for Christmas on my behalf, I should not object to some “Pates
de foie gras.” Pickled oysters & mince Pies.
I should not trouble you for these things but we have to pay \$1.50 pr can in this part of
the country.