

Near Berryville Va. Sept. 16th 1864

Dear Father

Your letter came safely to hand yesterday evening too late to be answered. I wrote you a day or two ago sending all the news there was. I went out on picket on the night of the 12th & as our cavalry had been out that day & gobbled a regiment of rebs. it was supposed that the rebs. were going to return the compliment & try to capture some of our pickets, so I was kept busy all that night walking from post to post seeing that the men were on the alert. It was a beautiful night & very cold. The night passed quietly away & the rebs. did not come. Last night there were a few shots fired on the picket line but I guess the men saw their own shadows. To day we had a brigade drill which passed off very finely. All the Brigades in our Division have been drilling to day as also the Cavalry & I think an early move may be expected in some direction.

I was aware of the fact that there was a move being made to promote Edward as he showed me a letter some time ago making mention of the fact. It is not known to but very few outsiders however & I have not mentioned it & shall not. I think if he received a letter from you requesting his assistance to get me out of the service that it will have the desired effect, as he has told me all along that he knew that you did not want me to resign & such a letter will convince him that you do. Without such a letter I might as well run against a wall for he will do every thing he can to keep me in the service unless he receives it.

Tony is well & sends regards. He is at present in command of one of the Companies there being no Captain to it. I am sure that he will get along well. He sends regards to all.

Should any move be made by us I will let you know. Hoping that this finds you all well.

I remain

Your Affectionate Son

Frank.

Love to all.