

In the field near Berryville Va.  
Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> 1864

Dear Father

Your letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> Inst. is at hand. I can only write a few lines as I am now writing on the ground & every thing is wet all around. We left our camp on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & in the evening arrived here. The 8<sup>th</sup> Corps had a fight a short ways out & we were all in line, our regiment being in the advance. The regiment was shelled by the rebs. but no one was hurt on the 3<sup>rd</sup> we had one man killed by a shell. It was now reported that the rebs. have again fallen back. Yesterday Mosby captured 4 or ambulances. I suppose we will move tomorrow as we have just received rations from Harpers ferry. Tony is quite well & has been mustered. I have not seen Edward for some days. He is quite well as far as I know. I will write more fully at first opportunity. Tell Harry I have not had a minute to spare since the 31<sup>st</sup> August or I should have written to him. I will do so at first opportunity.

Give my love to all the folks.

I remain  
Your Affectionate Son  
Frank

Send word to Tony's folks that he is well & has been mustered