

Camp 159<sup>th</sup> Regt. N.Y.S.Vols.  
Thibodaux La. Jany 8<sup>th</sup> 1864

Dear Father

Yours of the 26<sup>th</sup> ult. reached here in safety yesterday & I was glad to hear of the welfare of all at home. As for myself I have been troubled somewhat of late with rheumatism, but not enough to disable me any. The weather I think has been the cause of it. So far we have had one of the severest winters experienced since 1852. There were a few flakes of snow fell yesterday but melted as soon as they reached the ground. Last night was the coldest we have had so far this winter. I was Officer of the Day yesterday & had to visit the picket about a mile & a half from the camp which was not at all pleasant, especially as I had to go once after 12½ A.M.

I understand Genl. Birge has not yet sailed for N.Y. but expects to tomorrow. He may not go even then.

Every thing is still very quiet as it is impossible to do any thing in such weather as we have had for the last week. The roads are almost impassible & it will take some time to make them any thing like decent travelling. Our camp is very nearly as bad as it was at New Dorp S.I. I believe you was up there & saw the condition of that.

Harry I suppose will be home long before this reaches you. He sent me a note Jany 1<sup>st</sup> saying he was to sail the next day. He may have waited for the Genl.

Sorry I cannot make this letter longer & hoping to hear from all soon

I remain  
Your Affectionate Son  
Frank