

Camp 159th Regt. NYVols.
Thibadaux La. March 18/64

Dear Father

We are still lying in this place, altho' we had orders to move at once, but such is the way military movements are conducted. We do not know what minute we may leave, and have every thing in readiness.

I drew a draft on you to day in favor of Edward for Sixty dolls. I am in hopes of remitting a couple of hundred next pay day. Edward advised me to take the money as he could not say when we would be paid off & I had my board bill for two months to pay in town. Has that \$100. been paid over to you yet? You have not said any thing in your letters about it. If not please ask Harry to see about it as I think it time it was paid. He knows who to go to.

Greatly to the surprise of very body we hear that Genl. Sherman has taken Alexandria La. This report is fully confirmed by the Boats coming down the river. We expect to move up & meet him, as by a rapid movement, the rebel army under Taylor will be entirely cut off. I hope we succeed in capturing him. This is all the news of importance.

The weather has been very cold for the past week & I hardly like the idea of moving in such cold weather, altho' I suppose it will soon be warm enough.

I received the box last night, & was fairly delighted with the contents. The clothes & handkerchiefs came just in the right time, as I will need them on the march.

I have to close now as Dr. Provost who carries this letter to N.O. for me in order to catch the steamer is about to start.

I remain
Your Affectionate Son
Frank.