

Camp 159<sup>th</sup> Regt. NYSVols  
Thibodaux La. Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> 64

Dear Father,

Yours of the 8<sup>th</sup> inst. is at hand. I am glad to hear that Harry & Maynard have such bright hopes & hope their business may succeed beyond their best wishes.

Every thing is quiet as usual. There is no move in any part of the army to indicate any campaign. It is rumored that Genl. Sherman with 55000 men has attacked Mobile but this report lacks confirmation.

The election for civil officers is making some stir. Michael Hahn, "Free State" candidate for Governor, makes an address in this town to day. He I believe is endorsed by Genl. Banks. B. F. Flanders running on the same ticket seems to be the best liked for the office & I think the election will be a close one.

The weather has again turned cold. Last night was extremely cold & blowy. I do not think this weather will last long, but while it does it will be rather uncomfortable.

My commission has not yet arrived but my appointment has. The commission is expected next mail There have been quite a number of our officers promoted besides several outsiders who have been appointed by the Governor.

I am sorry not to have more to write about, but until the army moves my letters must be dull.

Give my love to all at home & tell them to write soon. Edward sends regards & says he should be happy to hear from you.

I remain  
Your Affectionate Son  
Frank.

I wrote to you & uncle Daniel on the 11<sup>th</sup> inst.  
No word as yet from my muster