

Morganza La. June 7/64

Dear Father –

I have received no letters from you since yours of May 21st & am of course anxious to hear from home.

There is no news of any kind from this quarter. The guerillas still infest the river banks & trouble our gun boats & the river boats occasionally. They disabled one of our tin clads the other day about 25 miles above here. If we are to patrol the river & keep it free from these scoundrels, I do not see why they do not set us to work. We are still lying quietly in the woods. It has rained constantly now for nearly a week. This camp is one vast mud puddle & as it is so shaded here, it takes a long time to dry.

We have had no dates from Grant later than the 25th & those were very slim accounts. We could not make head or tail of them. We however hope for the best & that our next news will be of the defeat of Lee & capture of Richmond. We also hope to hear of the capture of Atlanta by Sherman who by the latest accounts, has made wonderful progress.

Edward is still in New Orleans. I have heard nothing from him since he went down & conclude he is getting better.

I sent to you yesterday by Adams Express one hundred dollars to pay my draft on you for that amt. in favor of Capt. Averill. I hope it will reach you in safety. There were also forwarded on the 3rd May a lot of Photographs. I trust they have reached you safely. There were some sent before that, of which you have not as yet acknowledged the receipt. I should have sent more money home but it is doubtful whether we will be paid again for a long time, & I thought it best to keep enough to last me 'til next pay day when I can remit more, instead of borrowing & keeping in hot water all the time. Everything costs tremendously here & they charge an officer or soldiers twice as much for a thing as they do a citizen.

Give my love to all the folks. Hoping soon to receive a letter from home

I remain

Your Affectionate Son

Frank.