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Dear Father

Yours of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst came to hand to day & finds me over head & ears in business. We are getting ready to move which we expect to do tomorrow or next day at the farthest. The order came very unexpectedly tonight & took us all aback as we expected at least a days notice to get ready in & now we have to have every thing in readiness by tomorrow morning. We expect to go to Franklin & so on up the Bayou Teche over the same ground we traveled last spring. I think it will be a very short campaign as the men take nothing but their rubber blankets & overcoats.

The box had not got off the steamer when Major Comstock left N.O. & I have sent a Sergeant down for it, & I expect it will be here tomorrow. I am very much obliged to you & the rest of the folks for their kindness in sending it.

There is no news of any importance. The army is still concentrating at Franklin & I think there will be an immediate move made. Genl. Grover is now in this village organizing his divisions. Genl. Birge has not yet arrived. He is expected on Saturday next. Col. Molineux sends his regards.

Excuse brevity but I have but little time to write.

Yours with love  
Frank

Love to all.

My direction is now  
2d Brigade 2d Division  
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