

Morganza La June 12<sup>th</sup> 1864

Dear Father

Your letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> May came safely to hand on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst. & I was glad to hear of the continued good health of all at home. I have been quite well for some time & hope to continue so.

We had a grand review yesterday of the 19<sup>th</sup> Corps by Genl. Emory. It was quite a grand affair. When we started from camp at 4 P.M. the weather was beautiful though very warm. We arrived at the field when the review was to take place & had been there about fifteen minutes, when the sky clouded over & the rain pounded down in torrents, wetting every body through, Generals & all. The men took the thing very good naturedly & stood it without a grumble. The rain continued to fall while we were passing in review, but stopped while we were on our way back to camp.

I heard that Genl. Canby arrived in New Orleans from Natchez on the 11<sup>th</sup>. I understand he is to be up here next week & we will then probably have another review. I think it is Canby's intention to enter upon a campaign at once, but the troops can not stand it as the weather is oppressively warm, even while lying quiet.

I hear that the blockade of the river has been broken up by Genl. A.J. Smith. The rebels inflicted a good deal of damage on our boats before Smith started them out.

We have the news that Lee is sick in Richmond which everybody hopes is true. I think it probable that Grant will arrive in Richmond on the 4<sup>th</sup> July. I hope so any way.

Our brigade has been strengthened by the 14<sup>th</sup> New Hampshire, one of the finest regts. in the Deptmt. numbering some 750 men.

Edward is still in New Orleans. I understand he is rather better than he was. Genl. Brige is still in New Orleans but is daily expected to arrive here & take command of his Brigade.

The weather still continues showerly, raining every day & night, by spells. It keeps our camp muddy all the time.

Give my love to all the folks & tell them to write soon.

I remain  
Your Affectionate Son  
Frank.