

On board St. Boat Wenonah
Potomac River Va August 1/64

Dear Father

After moving camp every day while at Bermuda Hundreds we are now bound for Washington to drive back I suppose the raiders & may be relieve the 100 days men. We left Bermuda Hundreds yesterday afternoon by this St. Boat. We left the front yesterday moving at 2 o'clock after having moved camp the evening before & I tell you we were pretty mad to just get asleep & then be woke up immediately.

We had a report the evening before we left that Burnside had captured 3 lines of earthworks 24 pieces of artillery & 600 prisoners. It is certain that a mine was sprung by our forces blowing up 4 pieces of artillery & a whole regiment of South Carolinians. General Burnside occupying the 1st line of rifle pits of the rebs. This account is true.

Every thing is working well there for we were told that if things went all right we would be sent to Washington & if they did not work right we would go to Petersburg. As you can see every thing is O.K. I expect to receive a letter from you when I get to Washington as all our mails were sent back there from Bermuda.

The rest of our Brigade was sent there from Fort Monroe instead of joining us. We will probably have some marching & fighting to do but it will not be charging breastworks as it was at Petersburg. The boats carrying our brigade, the "Wenonah" (our boat) & the "Genl Hooker" are racing. It is just nip & tuck between them. First one gains & then the other & so it goes. We will probably be in Washington first.

Edward has not been very well for two or three days owing probably to fatigue. I hope he will have a good rest now for he needs it.

Give my love to the folks & write soon

I remain
Your Affectionate Son
Frank