

On board S.S. "Cahawba"
At Sea July 22d 1864

Dear Father

Owing to the moving of our regiment I was unable to write to you before leaving Algiers La. We left on the evening of the 17th under sealed orders which were opened when we were 24 hours out & found we were ordered to report at Fortress Monroe Va. & we are now "en route" for the "Army of the Potomac" where I suppose the 19th Corps will figure promiscuously. The men in this transport are greatly crowded but every thing is done for their comfort possible & they appear to be satisfied. We have had beautiful weather since leaving, with one or two slight showers which served to cool the atmosphere & render it more pleasant.

Tony got back to the regiment two days before we left Algiers, in the best of health & appeared to be very glad to get back again.

I suppose we will have plenty of fighting to do where we are now going. It is not yet known where we are to go after we reach Fort Monroe, some say Butler & some Hunter, others that we are to defend Maryland. I calculate wherever we go we will have all the fighting we want.

The boat we are on is very fast. We sailed from 12 m. yesterday to 12 m. to day 321 miles so that we are now just about opposite Savannah Ga. The Captain expects to arrive at the Fort Sunday morning when I presume we will know positively where we are going. I suppose after the fighting is over if I am spared I will be able to get a short furlough this fall. I hope to be able to do so but it may not be my fortune.

I have not had a letter from you since we arrived at Algiers July 4th. A mail arrived in New Orleans on the morning of the day we left, but we could not get it. I suppose it will move on by the next Transport.

Give my love to all the folks & tell them to write at first convenience.

I remain
Your Affectionate Son
Frank

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