Dear Father -

The mail has just come in & I am sorry to say there were no letters for me. I have been in the enjoyment of my usual good health & am really getting fat. I think this Southern country agrees with me better than with most of those coming here.

Edward I suppose will start for home some time next week unless some thing turns up to delay him. There is no one here yet to relieve him & I suppose he will have to wait till he is relieved before he can go home. I drew through him for \$50. which I shall remit as soon as the Pay master comes. He is expected next week, but I thought I had better draw as Edward said there was no surety for his being here & I might not have the chance again.

I do not actually need the money yet it is as well to have it in case of need.

I am in hopes we shall be paid off in full in a very short time.

Tell Harry to hold on to those papers of mine which I left at home as they may be of importance to me after I am discharged.

We had a delightful rain yesterday evening & the air to day has been cool & pleasant. I suppose tomorrow will be as warm as ever.

Business appears to be reviving somewhat. I think there will be a good trade done here this fall.

I have heard nothing from Mr. Barnes yet.

Mr. Miller was in the other day bringing your letter. I wrote to you the same day I received it.

With love to all, hoping soon to hear from you

I remain Your Affectionate Son Frank.