Office Provost Marshal Augusta Geo. Aug. 7th 1865.

Dear Father

Yours of the 22d is just at hand. I cannot see what keeps your letters so long on the road. We received three mails this morning, the latest July 29th & yet I only recd the one letter. I think if you direct "Via Nashville" they will get thru quicker.

I returned this morning from a trip in the country. I went out Saturday afternoon. In going out the woods through which we travelled being very dark & the roads narrow the wheel of the buggy struck a stump pitching me out, breaking my sleeve button & that was the extent of my damage except that I got my pockets full of sand. I had a delightful time while I staid, the gentleman whom I visited being very pleasant telling stories of old times, & doing all in his power to make me comfortable.

I have not yet been relieved from my office but I expect to be in a day or two.

Our pay rolls came up yesterday & the Pay master has been telegraphed for, as I am in hopes that we will be paid in a day or two. I am sure the men need it bad enough as it will be a year on the 31st August since they have had any money.

Edward left for home on Tuesday last & I suppose by this time he is with you. I send by this mail a bundle of letters for him – in care of the firm.

Every thing goes on in the same old way. We have had plenty of rain during the past week & the weather is rather cooler than it has been. I am in hopes that we have seen the last of the hot weather.

I am enjoying excellent health. I am very sorry to hear of the sickness of Ida & hope she may soon recover.

With love to all

I remain Your Affectionate Son Frank.

Direct "Via Nashville Tenn"