Augusta Geo. July 24th 1865.

Dear Father

Yours of the  $8^{th}$  is at hand & I am glad to hear of the good health of all at home & the recovery of Ida from her sickness.

The weather here has been extremely hot even for this country. Saturday the Thermometer stood at 103° in the shade & there were several cases of Sun Stroke. Yesterday afternoon we had a refreshing shower which cooled the air very much & to day there is a fine breeze blowing which relieve the intense heat.

Edward has sent in his resignation on Surgeon's Certificate & will probably be home in the latter part of August. He says he cannot play his third for a set of fanatics & that with all the strings cut. He is very anxious to get home & resume business.

There is a piece of land out here of about 3000 acres to lease for a term of 10 years with the privilege of buying, at the rate of \$3500 per year in <u>Gold</u>. The land is situated in the richest part of the state raising about 200 bales cotton per year. It is situated some 25 or 30 miles from here in Burke Co. & I believe is quite close to the Rail Road.

I have been enjoying very good health & am told I am getting fat. I suppose the warm weather agrees with me.

Edward told me Saturday that he did not think our Regt. would get away from here much before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November. They have been sent out of the City to the Arsenal, a delightful place & very healthy. The men are all very well satisfied with the change. I have not been relieved yet but expect I will be in a few days, or as soon as Genl. Grovener P.M. Genl. gets back from Macon where he has been for a week past.

There was a Mr. Francis Cogin went north last Saturday to whom I gave my card not having time to write. He is one of the first men of this place & is & has been a staunch union man. He is a friend of Edward's who I believe gave him letters to you.

I hope the family are all well & enjoying their vacation. With love to all
I remain
Your Affectionate son
Frank.

Direct letters to regt. leaving off the Asst. Pro.Mar.