

Office Provost Marshal
Augusta Geo. July 17th 1865.

Dear Father

Your letter of July 1st came safely to hand Saturday P.M. In it you complain you have had no letter since the 3rd ult. I do not see how this can be for I write to you at least once a week & some times two & three times. I cannot think that any one would stop my letters, although as I have sent you a number of Confed. Documents & monies I should not be surprised if such was the case.

The mail now goes from here by way of Nashville, a much safer & shorter route than by way of Savannah.

I have been in excellent health for a number of days past & the weather being much pleasanter on account of rain, I get along very well.

I drew a draft on you Saturday in favor of G.L. Miles of New York for \$50 Fifty Dollars. This is the last one I shall draw if I stay here six months longer. I had to do this as it was my only chance to get any money & as we expect to go home soon I wanted enough to pay my expenses to New York.

It is very expensive being in the town. It costs me nearly \$2 a day for my meals & then I get nothing but meat & potatoes. I expect we will soon start for home as there are orders from the War Deptmt. to Discharge the Army of the Tennessee & I think this will include us. I hope so any way for it is getting too warm here to live.

Mr. Barnes has not turned up yet. I hardly think he will do any thing here. Edward says he will be about two months too late, as R.D. & Co's traveler has been here for some time & has improved all advantages. I do not think he had done much in the way of trade but they have been buying up small lots of cotton & has made some money on it. There was a gentleman went North yesterday who put me in charge of his house. I have two splendid rooms both cool & airy & I expect to get along very well until we start for home.

Our regiment was moved out of their quarters in the City Hotel on Friday last to make room for some troops of Maj. Genl. Steedman's which are expected here daily I should not be surprised if Edward was to be home soon. I think Steedman has some one he wants to put in his place. Any way there are orders from the War Deptmt. that all surplus Genls & staff shall be discharged as soon as the exigencies of the service will permit & he will probably go home on that order.

Our boys are all anxious to go home. It is now eleven months since any of them were paid & many of their families are suffering in consequence. I think it is too bad that the men should be used in such a way after their long & faithful service. I hardly think they will be paid now till orders come to discharge them. I know that money has been sent to them to pay them off & the Pay Master has been daily expected but has not got here yet. It may be all right but it hardly looks so.

I went down country yesterday to Col. Walker's place & had a splendid time. He is without exception one of the most hospitable men I know of. I have been out there two or three times now & the more I see of him the more I like him. He is a man of splendid education & good sound sentiments. I believe he was a member of the Charleston convention on the Douglas ticket & was also strongly opposed to secession. He is a better union man than many around here although he makes but little boast or show of it.

Give my love to all the folks & write. Hoping soon to be with you,

I remain

Your Affectionate Son
Frank.

Direct all my letters to the regt.