

Hd.Qrs.Sub.Dist. Madison
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Dear Father

Your letter of the 24th August came to hand on the 5th inst. I am very sorry to hear of baby's death & Herman's sickness. I hope he may get well & be perfectly recovered before this reaches you. I do not know how to express my astonishment at hearing about Edward. I never had the faintest idea of his doing such a thing & even now cannot see his object. I am very sorry to hear of it & hope every thing comes out all right.

I was relieved from Augusta on the 6th inst. & left on the 7th. I got here yesterday afternoon. It is a poor one horse town with no business doing of any kind. Seven companies of our regiment are stationed here & the District is commanded by Lieut. Col. Waltermire. There is nothing much to do & we get along very well.

I have inquired from quite a number if they knew any thing about Montgomery County. All I can hear is that it is excellent soil where dry land exists but as a general thing it is swamp land & forest. As for my going there such a thing for me would be impossible while I am in the Army. I would have to go to Savannah & thence on horseback to Mount Vernon as there is no other way of getting up there & it would take two weeks to go up from Savannah. I shall use every endeavor to find out what the country is down there & let you know. I have been in the enjoyment of excellent health & at the present time weigh 178 lbs.

This place is a poor one horse town with not one bit of life. I am most anxious for the regiment to be returned home.

Give my love to all the folks & tell them to write. Hoping soon to hear from you

I remain
Your Affectionate Son
Frank