Officers' Hospital.
Annapolis Md. March 3d/65

Dear Father –

I have already written & telegraphed to you in regard to my arrival here & should have written again sooner, but we have been expecting our leaves to come to hand daily & did not think it worth while to write as I expected to be so soon with you.

We are having as good a time here as can be derived from a town where there are no places of amusement. We visit the House of Delegates which is now in session & listen to their debates, walk around the town two or three times & then we are at a loss what to do.

Our quarters are very comfortable although somewhat crowded. There are nine of us in a small room meant for six but we get along very well indeed. We have excellent food & plenty of medical advice, as the buildings we occupy are generally used as an officers Hospital, in fact there are a number of patients here now. I am now troubled with a cold which I hope soon to be rid of but this weather is not favorable to colds.

The day after we got here we applied for our leaves of absence expecting to hear from them at once, but they have not come yet & we cannot hear any thing from them. I was in hopes of being home tomorrow to enjoy the celebration of our late victories. We hear a rumor this morning that Sherman has been terribly defeated but this needs confirmation. I hope it may prove to be false for I believe that on Sherman's success depends the success of Grant's summer campaign.

I hear that Edward has gained his "star." I hope this is true for I know that no one deserves it more than he does. I heard his praise sounded on all sides while I was in prison, from Officers who had seen & heard of him long after my capture.

Write to me & let me know how you all are as I am very anxious not having heard a word from you since my arrival. Direct the letter to Capt. W.F.T. – Officers Hospital – Annapolis Md. leaving off the regiment, as it might be sent there if the regiment is put on. Give my love to all the folks & tell them I should write to them if I did not expect to be with them so soon.

I remain
Your Affectionate Son
Frank.

I sent word to you not to send my clothes as I understand that the Express Co. has so little freight for this place that a parcel might be on the way for two weeks & I might not get it after all.