

New Orleans May 7th 1862

My dear Mother, We have left Ship Island at last and got one more Secesh City Conquered. I suppose you have heard a great deal more than i can tell you but i want to tell you that i was in both of the forts below here after they Surrendered and saw how they looked. The outside walls were not hurt very much but inside it is a perfect ruin. They had plenty of everything but some of their men Mutinied and the walls were coming down over them. Our Company and 2 Western Regts are quartered in the new Custom house. We don't get much liberty although the Citizens seem very [splotch] civil. Some of the [?]itors are almost mad about it.

It is pretty hot here but i have had good health generally. Did you get the Money that i sent. I hope to send some more before long it is time to be paid now. You had ought to have seen how glad the soldiers in the forts were to get away they had to take money which their own Sutlers would not take. Some Naval Officers came down the river to demand the surrender of the City not knowing that it had been taken. I suppose old Butler will get the praise of this but it belongs to the Navy. I got only 2 letters on Ship Island and you wrote hundreds if them 2 were to be believed. I think you might write oftener than you do. I hope you are all well and i hope to be back before a great while. kiss Clara and Sam preston for me and give my love to all. it is dark so i must Stop so goodbye

your son Eugene H Todd
don't laugh at my Envelope