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MC200: Folder 4: Mother [Francis Carr Fowler], May 29, 1898

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Chickamauga 5/29/98

Dear Mother:

I received your letter yesterday also one from May and was glad to get both of them. I was afraid that you did not get mine as it took so long for your letters to come.

Glad to hear that Gordon likes his new place and think there is a good chance for him as the firm is young and is growing all the time. I hope Amelia and the baby are better when you receive this letter.

There are at least fifty thousand camped here now and they are still coming in. The weather is very hot but we are used to it now and don't mind it at all. I never felt better in my life than I do now.

We get a good deal of drilling. Have sham battles every morning and drill for about 2 hours every afternoon so you can see we are kept pretty busy all day. We manage however to get time to go swimming and play ball. Food is plain but good and it agrees? with me first rate.

We don't know how long we shall stay here but I don't think we will be here more than a week or two more and at present it looks as if we would go to Tampa but it is all guess work and nobody knows a thing about it.

Never mind sending the news papers as we have been getting Chicago and New York papers this week and although they are a few days old they are interesting. We have to smile at some of the things the Chicago papers print about the camp.

The people down here that is the white people have not got over the civil war yet and what few we see out to the camp are cool and have no use for the boys from the northern states.

We have our uniforms now and new rifles and make a good showing in drills and parades. They are having church now but as we aren't obliged to attend I have taken the time to write. As about nine out of ten of the boys write letters during church time the attendance is not large as they would like. They have changed Post Office directions after this address letters as on other side of this sheet. Hoping that all are well. I remain

Your loving son,
Herb

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