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MC200: Folder 6: Mother [Francis Carr Fowler], June 2, 1898

This transcription from the original letter contains language contemporaneous of the time and is being presented as part of a historical record.

On Board Transport "Gate City"
Off Key West Fla 6/2/98

Dear Mother

Enclose find money order for Twelve dollars $12.00! We were paid day before yesterday and as I have every thing I want and enough left for spending money I send the balance to you. Ten dollars of this belongs to Pa. Please give it to him and keep balance for me.

The harbor here is full of war ships and transports and as we do not expect to leave [illegible] a few days, we expect to celebrate to fourth of July in great shape.

It looks as if we were bound for Santiago but we sail under sealed orders and do not know for sure where we [illegible].

Our regiment has two transports. They are new ships and we are not crowded very much. Every body is anxious to get away and we expect to get a chance at the Spanairds in the near future. Have not had any war news for several days but suppose that the first expedition is doing good work in Cuba. Our company is in the best of health with the exception of a few cases of sea sicknesses. I will probably not be able to get very many letters to you from now on but will write every chance I get. Hoping this will find every body in the best of health.

I am

Your loving son,
Herb.

Address
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1st Ill. Vol. in the field