

Steamer "Homing"
New York July 14th 1864

Dear Father

I have had a
Battery if I come to
I am very anxious to get
out of this Dept. & get
into the Artillery service.
Can you give me the
captaincy? I shall have
to take the responsibility of
run my chance of being
elected. It is so much
better to have a command
by yourself & to have no
interference. The Artillery
is a branch by itself & the
best branch of the service. I
have always been convinced
of this, but never so much
as a while in command
at Fort Mifflin. There I had
heavy Artillery together.
I had with a battery fully
equipped & manned a battery