in. 22nd. 1863.

Dear Mother your kind letter of the 8th. I received awhile since ago and owing to the want of paper which has been very scarce at this. Head will not allow the sutlers to come up to the army. I suppose because that some of them are disloyal and let the rebels get them with their own goods. I have been unable to write to you. Nothing of interest has happe

n but since I last wrote excepting the fragment of our Regiment, owing to some error in the pay roll of Company A. I was unable to get more than 2 months pay and there was six due me but that will be attended to before next pay day. I cannot send home any more. This came because I had borrowed some and I had to lay them.
Debt, amounting to about $40, at some that I got if boys at Boston and some of the boys in the Company. Next pay day I will be able to send you $50 or so. We have had some weather lately that would see a fellow up pretty fast if he was camping out like shelterless, and we expect more of it at this is just about the kind of year for a hardy weather that in Mexico you would consider bad indeed.

I have heard nothing from Charles Ely lately, but one of the boys received a letter from William Shum about five days ago and he said they wanted to come back to the Regent. We hardly know what to think whether there will be a forward movement this fall again or not, but I can tell you if the mud could have their way there would be a moving this fall, and the nice
of the correspondent, telling us that
the men are anxious to go ahead
and engage the rebels, get into an
action, all a humming and I
think if you should go all through
the army of the Potomac and
enquire of every man, that but few
are anxious to go into a fight, but
if it is necessary then they would
be more willing, the idea of whip-
ping the rebels out of Richmond
Hill's face is one of the cases and
then if we should compel them
by erecting our fort we would not
be getting farther from our land
and land knows the bushwhacker
cut off lots of our trains and what
would they do if we should
winter near Fredericksburg? They
could take possession of the road
in our rear unless we sent guards
on it and we have not many
men enough to guard the road that far
Please give my love to Brother
Evan J. Smith and a
Respect to all my Friends
Except this as an excuse for
a letter.

Chas. E. Graham
1st Company 1st Artillery