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355 N. St Washington
August 8th

Dearest Mother,

I only received your letter and the enclosures yesterday. I have written Col Thorp and will show you a copy of my letter when I see you next, which will I hope be in the course of a fortnight. The staff I will provide myself. I think the letter of the officers is very admirably expressed and will send a copy to Alfred.

I hope you kept a copy of your own letter to him.

Very sorry not to have seen Frank, as also to hear that he has chills. You mention that he has gone to Quaque beach but I dont know where that