

Oct. 27, 1864

- drills
- yellow fever

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Dear Parents

I write you a few lines to let you know I am well & c. Nothing to do this evening I thought I would write. There is not much going on, and what there is looks kind of warlike. There is two or three gunboats in here and they are busy taking in bags of sand. They use them around the machinery to protect it from any shot which they may receive in action. The men are kept at the guns pretty busy drilling most of the day. We are the same it don't make any difference to us. We jog along our same old life every day. But still I have a chance to see what is going