

down here, but on our own business at home it would be going out every day. There is a great difference in fresh & salt water, in the rivers & out at sea.

It is late - So Good Night.

Affectionately
A.P.P.

On board Str. Achilles
White House Community River Va.
May 25th / 62

Dear Father

I wrote to Mother yesterday, & from my letter to her you will learn that I have left the Achilles for a few days, to help on board the Elm City. I found that they needed assistance so much that I volunteered for a short time, & am going on board this morning as special addl to Mrs Balestier, - a friend of Mother's. The Achilles will be towing up & down the river for some time I think, so I shall be able to come on board every day, & will let you know very often how things go. There is