

Harts Island Aug 26th

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Dear Sister

Having a few lesure moments I thought I would employ them in writting to you. I wrote a few lines to my mother last tuesday,, I am remaining on the Island yet,,

There was a squad of about 500 soldiers sent away this morning and they are a going to send another squad away this ~~morning~~ afternoon __ and I may have to go with them,, I am enjoying ~~myself~~ first rate health and I hope this may find you the same,, There is a few sick soldiers on the Island at presant but as a general thing the men are all healthy and in good spirits,, There is about two thousand men on the Island There is about ten or twelve hundred white men ~~on this~~ and the rest of them are blacks,,

We all have to labor ~~8~~ eight hours every day __ we are general called ~~not~~ up about five O'clock in the morning and at six we have our breakfast and at ~~fa~~ half a past seven we have to commence work __ at ~~hi~~ half a past eleven we quit work and go to diner and we commence work again at two O'clock and work till ~~6~~ six O'clock when we quit work again and go to super ____ My fare is very good __ My rations are generally larger them I can eat,, In the morning we have a large piece of nice wheat bread and ~~our~~ a large slice of fresh beef well boiled and a cup of coffee ____ at noon we have wheat bread a slice of beef and ~~fe~~ beef soup __ at night we have the same as in the morning,,

This Island is situated about ~~2~~ twenty miles south east of New,, York,, It is about a mile wide and a mile and a ~~fa~~ half long,, I have been informed that ~~this~~ six months ago this Island was all coverd with brush and weeds with nothing but an old shell of a house upon it since they most all of the Island has been cleared of and a street built on the north east and On our side of the streets there are barracks and on the other side there are buildings for the officers,, There is a good side walk on ~~ea~~ each side of the street and also a nice row of trees,,

It is a very pleasant place Hear,, I have been informed since I commenced writting this letter that I shall not leave the Island today

I forgot to inform you that the buildings on this Island will be used (as soon as they are all finished) for Hospittle Barracks,, The boys from ~~Mif~~ Maryland have gone on to their regiments and I am in hopes that I may soon follow them

It is getting ~~at~~ to be about time to commence work again so I will have to close I have not received any pay yet from the government I expect I shall receive some before I leave the Island,, as a general thing they do not pay the soldiers untill the get read to leave the Island

Please write as soon as you receive this

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