

Harts Island Sept 12th

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Dear Mother

Having a little spare time I thought I would employ it in writing to you,, I received a letter from Cornelia and Harriet Martin and also one from Emma,, I was very glad to hear from them and I will answer their letters as soon as I have the oppertunity,, I am on the Island yet and do not know how long I may remain here

They sent away about two thousand troops day before yesterday and they intend to send the rest of us away as soon as the government furnishes transportation,, When I inlistted I made a small blunder,, by not choosing my regiment at ~~No~~ Norwich and having it placed on my papers,, but I do not believe it will prove to be a very serious one,,

I may not go into the 3^{ed} N,,Y,, cav,, but I may go into one that is first as good if not better,, Most as the soldiers that have come on to the Island are going into cavelry or Artillery,, It is certain that they cannot all go into Cavelry or Artillery __ and a good share of them will undoubtedly have to be transfered into infantry,, As for my part I have come to the conclusion that it makes but little difference what regiment a person goes into,, I have not seen a lonesome moment since I have been here,, I am enjoying good health,, and I hope this may find you all the same,, There has been a good many here that I am acquainted with,, Pecthtels Boys,, Fred Olds and Ephriem Dunham went to their regiment about three weeks ago,, W^m Rifenburg and Rubin Honsr has been ~~here~~ here and has gone on to their regiments,, Frank Smallin and his brother went away about ~~an~~ a week ago and Carlton Talmadge ~~and~~ Albert Olds, Milton,, Cavehoven,, and Alch ~~Benit~~ Bennett went away from here day before yesterday,, This morning I come across Erastins Chase,, He is here yet,, I forgot to tell you that there is about ~~5~~ five thousand troops on the Island at presant,, ~~Are they like~~ Is there any prospects of raising men enough in maryland or milford to fill up their quota and avoid the draft,, Please send me a couple of cooperstown papers as soon as you get this,, Here on the Island every man has to ~~de~~ wash for himself,, we do not cook our own food but have men detailed to do it ____ At presant we do not have only one cook to about three or four hundred men,, we have not fared so well since so many have come in as we did when their were but a few here,, But I have managed so as to get enough to eat,, I have been told by old soldiers that we will fare better when we get to our regiment than we do here,, but if we only fare as well when we get their it will all that I will ask I have not received my bounty yet and do not expect get it untill I get ready to leave the island,, Has mr Bissde given a note for my bounty and has mr Sayer given the receipt __ I have no more to write at presant __ Please let me hear from home as soon as you receive this Please send me ten postage stamps,, write all the news,, leave out nothing for it is all interesting to me

Your Son

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