

Hart Island Oct 16th

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Dear Sister,,

Having a few leisure moments I thought I would employ them in writing you few lines,,
 I am enjoying comfortable health and I hope these few lines may find you the same
 ____ We are having very pleasant weather here at present Last week we had a very cold and
 severe storm here but it has cleared off very ~~ple~~ warm and pleasant ____ The soldiers on the
 Island have all just been out on general review ____ Every man has to have his knapsack well
 packed ____ He must be washed and dressed clean ____ and have his boots blacked ____ They
 are very particular here about camp ____ Every thing has to be kept clean and neat ____ The
 camp-ground is swept every morning ____ The barracks are kept in good order ____ and are
~~the~~ thoroughly scrubbed every Saturday ____ Every mans bunk must be kept in good order,,
 ____ His knapsack canteen + hawversack must be in their proper ~~places~~ places,, If a man
 neglects to comply with the regulations he is generally punished,, They are very severe here but
 if one obeys promptly he neednot have ~~no~~ any trouble,, Thus far I have got along first-rate ____
 We have to labor a little most every day ____ which makes time pass of quickly and is much
 better for the men than to lounge around camp,, There is but few men coming on the Island now
 ____ A few boat loads of enlisted men Substitutes, and drafted men come in during the past
 week,, There is about three thousand troops on the Island at present,, ____ They are constructing
 barracks on the South end of this Island for Rebel prisoners ____ They are building a tight fence
 around the camp where they intend to keep the prisoners which is about fifteen feet high ____
 They are a going to have about ten thousand Johnny Rebs here this winter,, If I remain here
 much longer I suppose I shall have the opportunity of seeing some of them,, Samuel Aplin from
 Posttandville ~~h~~ is here ____ We I get to my regiment I shall want some things sent to me ____
 Tell mother ~~to~~ to procure some light blue broad ~~cloth~~ cloth and have me a vest made ____ I
 want it made the same ~~size~~ size and stile of the one I left at home ____ I want military ~~puton~~
 buttons on it ____ but if they cannot be had I want smooth brass buttons,, Also tell hers to have
 a pair of woolen gloves knit ____ Having no more to write at present I will close hoping to hear
 from you soon,,

Your affectionate Brother

Geo,, D,, Barringer,,

Co,, F,, 1st Battalion

Hart Island

New,, York,, Harbor,,