Hart Island Dec 1st
1864

Dear Mother,

I received the kind letter from you and Avery last evening — I was very glad to hear from you and to learn that you are all enjoying good health — your letter found me in the ~~fe~~ best of health — We are having very pleasant weather here at present — ~~One~~ It does not seem like the first day of winter — but I presume we will have stormy weather enough before winter is past to pay for all of this.

The box you sent

me was received the next
day after thanksgiving —
It was undoubtedly here
on thanksgiving day but
the express office was not
open so I did not get
it until the next day —
Every thing was in the
box just as you ~~sent~~
sent it — I was sorry
I did not see Mr. Peshall
He ought to have come
to the barracks of company
C. and inquired for me
and then would not have
been much trouble in
finding me — The sergeant
of the barracks generally
knows where to find
me — Mr Philo Low
was here day before
yesterday to see Samuel
Aplin — Fair last

better get my vest ready and send it to me when Mr Norman Bissell comes I wish you would also send me a diary for 1865

You need not send more than that by him without I should order more — I feel very grateful to those that send me the different things in box — And whenever I am placed in a position that I can repay it I will do it willingly — I wrote Cornelia a letter last sunday — I received a paper from Aunt Susan last evening — I receive once in a while a paper from you I sometimes think that the papers do not come

from the office to the company — but you may continue sending them and I will ~~[illegible]~~ try and see why they ~~are~~ do not ~~send~~ come to me, — They are a going to send two or three hundred men away to day — but I shall not go with them — I have not much news to write at present so I will close hoping 2 may hear from you soon I will write to Avery and Genora when I have an opportunity — Give my respects to all —

Your Son

Geo D Barringer

Address as before