Hart Island Dec 1st
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Dear Sister

I have just received your letter this evening and will immediately try to answer it — Your letter found me enjoying the very best of health — which I hope this may find you the same —

It has been raining a little to-day — We have had no rain before in a good while

It has been very warm here for some time past and pleasant — You ask "if I think there is much pleasure in the Soldiers life" — As a general

thing
we have it much easyer
than we do at home
but ~~lif~~ live quite as
high here as we would
at home — But I guess
none of the men will
starve on just what
we get — Yet a great many
would grumble and
call it rather hard living
We have had to live
on hard-tack since
thanksgiving — but now
we are having soft bread
I like the hard-tack much
better than I expected I
should — I think it is
full as good as ~~hard~~
soft bread — You ask if
I would not like to re-
main on the Island this
winter ~~I the~~ The prospect
is that I will have to

wither I want to or not — They are a going to send a squad away to New Orleans to-morrow — They generally send two squads away ~~for~~ from here per ~~a~~ week — I expect my turn will come by and-by —

I was very glad to learn you are having a good school this winter. I hope you will improve as much as you can — You will find that a good education will be great ~~hea~~ help to you — You may tell our folks that they need not be uneasy if they do not hear from me this week

You may tell

Please to send me a few postage stamps— as I shall use the last one I have to send this letter. I did not know I was so near out until to night. I do not know as I have much more to write so I will close hoping to hear from you soon. Give my respects to all inquiring friends I remain

Your affectionate Brother

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