Hart Island Dec 28th
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Deer mother

Having nothing ~~to~~ much to do I thought I would try and busy myself by writing a few lines to you. I am enjoying very comfortable health at present and I hope these few words ~~may~~ may find you the same.

We are having very warm and pleasant weather for the time of year. There is but very little snow here now

It seems very strange to me to see so little ~~to~~ snow and cold weather

at this season of the year
I presume you would
like to know why I have
remained on this Island
so long therefore I will
tell you— When I en-
listed provost Marshall
Capt Denn Goselon neglect-
ed to put the regiment that
I chose upon my enlist-
ment papers consequently
I was sent here as an un-
assigned volenteer— This
fact I found out after
I had been on the Island
about two weeks— As soon
as I found it out I ap-
plyed to Brig Gen T. J. Jackson
commander of of the Island
for a choice of regiment
and he informed me that
I could not be assigned
to ~~any~~ a regiment here— but

would have to apply to the war department" I immediately made application to Adj't. Gen. L. Thomas for choice of regiment — Time has passed along until now — and last night they called me out — and gave me a choice of regiment — I chose the 1st Battery of Light Art. and they enrolled me for it. The reason why I chose that ~~regiment~~ cavalry battery — was because the regiments are most all full. — And since I have been on the Island I have got acquainted with several very smart and intelligent young men that are a going to that battery — I shall expect a letter from you

to-night or to-morrow-
night — I shall not send
this untill receive it with-
out I am like to start
for my Battery — I presume
I shall have to start for
it in less than a week — You
need not send me any-
thing for fear it might
not reach me — I am having
very easy times here at present I fare
first rate — I have got the
good will of one of the cooks con-
sequently I fare better than most
of the men do — I have not
any more to write so I will close

Your Son

Geo. D. Barringer

N. B. E Oclock P. M.

The oseterly has just
received an order I am
to go from here to-mor-
row —

Geo. D. Barringer

Do not write till you
here from me again