Hart's Island Aug 23rd 1864

Dear Mother

Having a few leisure moments I thought I would employ them in writing to you

I started from Norwich yesterday morning about 3 O'Clock and arrived in New York about 10 O'Clock last night and we remained there ~~about~~ untill 8 O'Clock this morning and then we took the steam boat and come to Hart Island which is situated about 20 miles southeast of New York.

I presume you will be anxious to learn how I have fared.
While in Norwich I was furnished with first-rate fare. They gave us good bread and butter, cheese cake, beef and potatoes. The night before we started for New York we had our rations dealt out to us for one day. They consisted in crackers and beef - but they took us from New York to Fort Island without any breakfast -
I have been well satisfied with my fare thus far. I am well and am enjoying myself as well as possible.

When we come on to the Island, we were all searched to see if we had any Liquor or fire arms up on our person ~~two~~ There were two soldiers that had a dirk kife with them and it was taken away from them and they were put into the guard house and kept there for a while.

I have not received my government bounty yet. I presume I shall receive it in a few days, we are a going to start from ~~our~~ Hart Island to our regiment to-morrow ~~morrow~~ morning I have not much more to write

at present = I will
write again ~~[illegible]~~
as soon as I get to
my regiment

Your Son
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