

Harts Island Aug 23^d 1864

Dear Mother

Having a few lesure moments I thought I would employ them in writting to you

I started from Noswhich yesterday morning about 3 O'clock and arrived in New York about 10 O'clock last-night,, and we remained there ~~about~~ untill 9 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 Norwhich 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 ~~ad~~ out to us for one day,, they consisted in crackes and beef __ but they took us from New York to Hart Island with out 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 licquor or firearms up on our person ~~thar~~ There were two soldeirs that had a dirk knife 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 tomorrow ~~a__sson~~ morning I have not much more to write at pressent ____ I will write again ~~as soon~~ as soon as I get to my regiment

Your Son

Geo,, D,, Barringer