Hearts Island Sept 12th
1847

Dear Mother

Having a
little spare time I thought
I would employ it in writ-
ing to you. I received a letter
from Cornelia and Harriet
Martin and also one from Emma.
I was very glad to hear
from them and I will an-
swer their letters as soon
as I have the opportunity.
I am on the Island yet
and do not know how
long I may remain here
They sent away about
two thousand troops day
before yesterday and they
intend to send the rest of
us away as soon as the

government furnishes transportation. When I enlisted I made a small blunder, by not choosing my regiment at ~~Kan~~ Norwich and having it placed on my papers, but I do not believe it will prove to be a very serious one. I may not go into the 3rd N.Y. Cav. but I may go into one that is just as good if not better. Most as the soldiers that have come on to the Island are going into cavalry or Artillery. It is certain that they cannot all go into Cavalry or Artillery — and a good share of them will undoubtedly have to be transfered into infantry. As for my part I have come to the conclusion that it makes but little difference what regiment

a person goes into, I have not seen a lonesome moment since I have been here, I am enjoying good health, and I hope this may find you all the same, There has been a good many here that I am acquainted with, Pecthtels Boys, Treet' Olds and Ephriam Dunham went to their regiment about three weeks ago, Wm Rifenburg and Rubin Hoose has been ~~here~~ here and has gone on to their regiments, Frank Smallin and his brother went away about ~~a~~ a week ago and Carlton Talmadge ~~and~~ Albert Olds, Milton Coochoven, and Atch ~~Bennit~~ Bennett went away from here day before yesterday, This morning I come across Erastus Chase, He is here yet, I forgot to

tell you that there is about
~~#~~ five thousand troops on
the Island at present" ~~Are~~
~~they~~ Is there any prospects
of raising men enough in mary-
land or milford to fill up
their quota and avoid the draft"
Please send me a couple of coop-
erstown papers as soon as you
get this" Here on the Island every
man has "to ~~cook~~ wash for himself"
we do not cook our own food but have
men detailed to do it - At present we
do not have only one cook to about three
or four hundred men" we have not
fared so well since so many have come
in as we did when their were but a
few here" But I have managed so as
to get enough to eat" I have been told
by old soldiers that we will fare better
when we get to our regiment than
we do here" but if we only fare as well when
we get their it will all that I will ask
I have not received my bounty yet
and do not expect get it untill I get ready
to leave the Island - Has Mr Bissell given a
note for my bounty and has Mr Sayer
given the receipt" I have no more to write
at present - "Please let me hear from
home as soon as you receive this Please
send me ten postage stamps" write
all the News" leave out nothing for it is
all interesting to me"

Your Son

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