

Hart Island Nov 27th

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Dear Sister,,

Having a little lesure time I thought I would employ it by writting to you,, I am well as ever and I hope this may find you the same,,

We are having very warm and pleasant weather here at present ____ We have had no snow here to amount to anything ____ We have had some cold and stormy weather ____ but as a general thing it is warm and pleasant ____ I heard from mother last tuesday + have answered her letter ____ Since I wrote to her I have received my box of things ____ I found every thing all safe and sound ____ except a bottle which by the looks of contained some pepper-sauce,, This was brooken fine ____ but all the rest of the things were in good shape,, ____ I can assure you that every thing the box contained comes in play at presant

The soldiers are living on Hard Tack at presant They are repairing and enlarging the bakery and I suppose we shall have to live on it till they get that finished ____ You may think that that is hard living but I like it about as well as I do bread

Hard tack is about the same size as ~~the~~ soda crackers and looks very much like them ____ but it is much harder and it requires Sonnd teeth to eat it unless it is thouroughly soaked,, There is only about 400 recruits on the Island at presant ____ A week ago we had over 150 men in the company that I am in but now there is only about 25 ____ Samuel Aplin is here yet ____

They have lost the papers of quite a number of men ____ I do not know wether they have lost mine or not __ but if they will be apt to find them when they come to give a thourough look after I cannot sayhow much longer I shall remain here but I presume I shall have to remain for several weeks yet ____ I ~~so~~ suppose you are attending school at milford village ____ How many scholars are their and who are they ____ How do you like your teacher ____ write and let me hear all the news ____ tell our folks to send me A monitor once in a while ____

County news seems good I wish I could get a paper every week ____ I will close hoping to hear from you soon

give my respects to all inquiring friends

Your Brother

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