

Hart Island Dec 1<sup>st</sup>

1864

Dear Mother,,

I received the kind letter from you and Avery last evening \_\_\_\_ I was very glad to hear from you and to learn that you are all enjoying good health \_\_\_\_ Your letter found me in the fe best of health \_\_\_\_ We are having very pleasant weather here at present \_\_\_\_ ~~One~~ It does not seem like the first day of winter \_\_\_\_ but I presume we will have stormy weather enough before winter is past to pay for all of this,,

The box you sent me was received the next day after thanksgiving \_\_\_\_

It was undoubtedly here on thanksgiving day but the express office was not open so I did not get it until the next day \_\_\_\_

Every thing was in the box just as you sent it \_\_\_\_ I was sorry I did not see mr,, Pershall He ought to have come to the barracks of company C,, and inquired for me and their would not have been much trouble in finding me \_\_\_\_ The sergeant of the barracks generally knows where to find me \_\_\_\_ Mr Philo Low was here day before yesterday to see Samuel Aplin,, \_\_\_\_ You had better get my vest ready and send it to me when Mr Norman Bissell comes I wish you would also send me a diary for 1865

You need not send more than that by him without I should order more \_\_\_\_ I feel very grateful to those that sent me the different things in box \_\_\_\_ And whenever I am placed in a position that I can repay it I will do it willingly \_\_\_\_ I wrote Cornelia a letter last sunday \_\_\_\_ I received a paper from Aunt Susan last evening \_\_\_\_ I receive once in a while a paper from you I some times think that the papers do not come from the office to the company \_\_\_\_ but you may continue sending them and I will ~~watch them~~ try and see why they ~~are~~ do not ~~sent~~ come to me \_\_\_\_ They are a going to send two or three hundred men away today \_\_\_\_ but I shall not go with them,, \_\_\_\_ I have not much news to write at present so I will close hoping I may hear from you soon \_\_\_\_ I will write to Avery and Emma when I have an opportunity \_\_\_\_ Give any respects to all \_\_\_\_

Your Son

Geo,, D,, Barringer

Address as before