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Dear Wife I seat my  
self to drop you a peeling  
this morning to let you  
here from me I am well  
I have just come off guard  
and it is raining and blow<sup>g</sup>  
the hardest sort this makes  
three knights this week i don't  
git one wink of sleep but  
it dont hurt mee much  
I weigh one hundred and  $\frac{1}{2}$  80  
my heath is good I have  
more clothe than I want  
I have fore pair of pants and  
three pair Slips 3 Shirts  
3 colls 6 pair of Socks 2 pair  
has the toes out of them  
and 2 caps my old hat is mag-  
dun I want to send sum  
of my cloths home if I  
can git a chance there is two  
men going to start home from  
our co in a day or two I dont know

whether I can send them  
or not you can send to  
the Depo and see I am going  
to send this letter with them  
them ones name is Houston  
and pinion those two men  
is going home on furlough  
as soon as tha king gets a  
boat we have got small  
pon in our co no one  
can get to pass on the boat  
down here to see us only  
them that has specil a  
business I want you to  
tel me the perticklers  
about mothers health I dont  
want you to say I hant  
heard for two or three days  
I expect she is better or the  
moold ~~sent~~ me word I  
wrote her a letter a few days  
ago told them if she  
got dangers for Houston  
to write me a letter and circ  
his name in foil to it [81]

a piece of corning  
but I forg. Shaledan  
things. I want you to tell  
Doct Boulder to write me  
a letter and State Mother's  
case in it if he sends  
me the right kind of a  
Statement that he don't think  
Mother will live and sine  
his name in fool I think  
I can git of on Specil  
furlo my health is good  
except cold that is a common  
complaint write soon  
and obde let me here from  
Mother and the rest of the  
friends I want you to  
Send me a Box with  
Hugh Houston when returning  
he is rather now to get a Box.  
You will have when he return

1. Box. <sup>To Waukegan</sup>  
to River, & more  
old wood boards can be  
utilized to construct a  
platform which does not last a  
thousand years in this  
climate. Boards can be well  
cured by sun and dried  
with great care so as to  
insure no loss of wood  
and great strength  
across & salt water. Then  
stacked down & covered  
waterproof. This can  
then be used with  
boards from 6 to 12 inches  
wide and 12 to 18 inches  
long. Many houses  
are built with  
boards which are  
utilized with  
the same  
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