

Long Island Oct 22/64

Capt. Tho Sparrow

N.C. "Washington Frays"

Dear Captain:-

I am very much pleased to learn today, through your letter to Mr Demill, that all the articles contained on my list were received by you on Saturday and that "they are all acceptable." I only wish their quantity might have been more commensurate with the number of your men and that all the articles of wearing apparel were entirely new. There was one little parcel I remember putting into the box which I see has been omitted in my list by an oversight. It contained a few needles, some thread of different colors, tape, pins &c. Such things are I suppose quite often in the hands of those men who are, like you and your men at present, separated

from "home" and "its dear ones," whose gentle hands were wont ^{in happier times} to do their "mending" for them. I trust that the leading men on both sides will yield to the divine promptings which every living man I believe feels within him more or less strongly and frequently and will strip this war of as many of its hardships and cruelties as possible, by exchanges of prisoners and in every other practicable way. I do not mean to imply that I think I see some prospect of an early exchange; for I know nothing whatever about it, one way or the other.

I only hope so for the sake of the prisoners ^{so far} separated from their homes and families and cut off from all communication with them, in considerable numbers on both sides.

It would seem to me that an equal exchange in such cases as the present would be an act of humanity in no sense degrading or damaging to either side.

With best wishes for the health and happiness of yourself and men, both in time and in Eternity, I remain,
Sincerely yours
A Friend

P.S. I hope there will be no ad:
ditions to your number (16) buried on
Governor's Island. How many are now
considered dangerously sick?

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