

Readville Sept 14/62

Dear Sister

I can put none

than ever that first word since I  
came to camp. I love to think of  
home. it is for happy homes that  
I take my gun. for without liberty  
and union there can be none. I  
feel that I am doing right.

before I went to Boston I did  
feel homesick not knowing what  
I was to meet. feeling that no  
one in particular cared for me.  
after attending meeting on Sunday  
I felt like a new person if no one  
else in camp does I feel that  
Jesus does and he has promised  
never to leave nor forsake those

that put their trust in him.  
this is a precious promise to  
me, for I feel that I am one  
of his children and would not  
do any thing knowingly to grieve  
my heavenly Father for soon I  
shall have to meet him so let  
us live as to meet him <sup>in</sup> peace

I am getting used to camp life  
Saturday I was on guard again  
that is rather tiresome the same  
thing over and over it does not  
seem like Sunday there is so  
much noise and profanity it  
makes me tremble when God has  
said he will not hold him guiltless  
who takes his name <sup>in vain</sup> I fear my  
Papa and mistakes and believe me to  
be a brother who thinks of and loves you  
give my love to all Daniel



Readville Oct 3/62

Dear Sister

I am

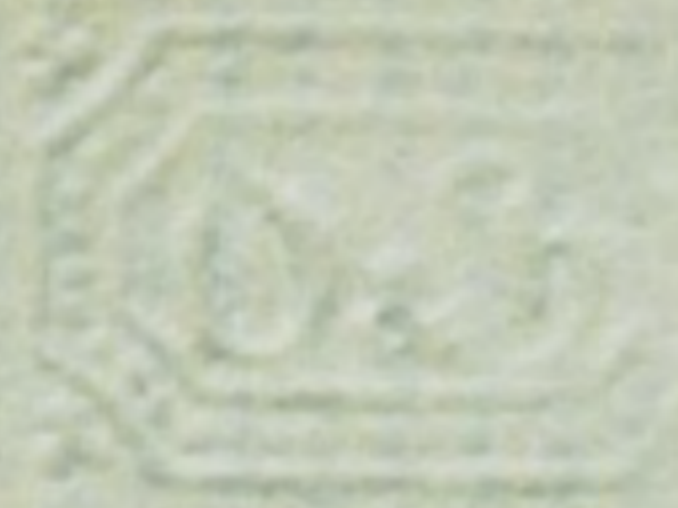
sitting in the guard House  
to pass away the time  
I will write you a few  
lines. It is pleasant  
overhead but very much  
I have just got back from  
dinner of Soup I received  
Charley's letter this morning  
and Henry's Picture for  
which I thank him. we  
are all to have one more

furrow some go tonight  
and the rest tomorrow  
night I shall go tomorrow  
night being on guard  
today and come back  
the first train Monday  
morning not giving an  
opportunity to go home.  
I suppose we shall de-  
part week to Newbern  
that is the talk now  
our Capt said we was going  
to Newbern. we have had  
two marches in the Street  
I like it rather better than

drilling it is all  
straight work the first time  
it was very dirty the worst  
thing to me is hearing so  
much profanity when God  
says he will not hold him  
guiltless we had a prayer meeting  
wednesday eve it did seem  
good to be there to hear them  
talk of Jesus it is where  
I love to be I am glad  
that I ever sought and  
found Jesus precious  
he will ever be near his  
children this comforts me  
from your Brother, Daniel.



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Readville Oct 11/62

Dear Sister

I was very glad to receive your letter, and also your photograph I think it is very good. I am very much obliged to you for it. It is very lonesome here today. It is now about ten o'clock and I have got up, and washed my face and ate my breakfast. I have been reading since. It rained very hard last night and is still raining. It is very muddy. I am thankful that I am not on guard. It is not very quiet in the barracks. There is about seventy five men, and all of them making their share of the noise. Some singing, others talking, laughing, dancing.

and many other things too  
numerous to mention. I did  
indeed enjoy myself last  
Sunday it did do my soul  
good I had sweet communion  
with my saviour. I was in a  
meeting at nine o'clock it seemed  
very near heaven it was in  
Bromfield street at 10 past went  
to the Temple that seemed also  
like getting home. hearing of friends  
and seeing many loved friends  
I went to the S School at noon  
Church in the afternoon & Prayer  
meeting at 6 past 6 & 7  
finishing the day at 9 I  
now realize the privileges that  
I used to enjoy being deprived  
of them I wish that I might have  
come home to see you all once more  
we shall probably go Wednesday or  
next week and march about the city  
some it is nearly dinner  
time I will clock for this time  
give my love to all the folks from one  
that thinks of and loves you often Daniel.

Readville Oct. 13/69

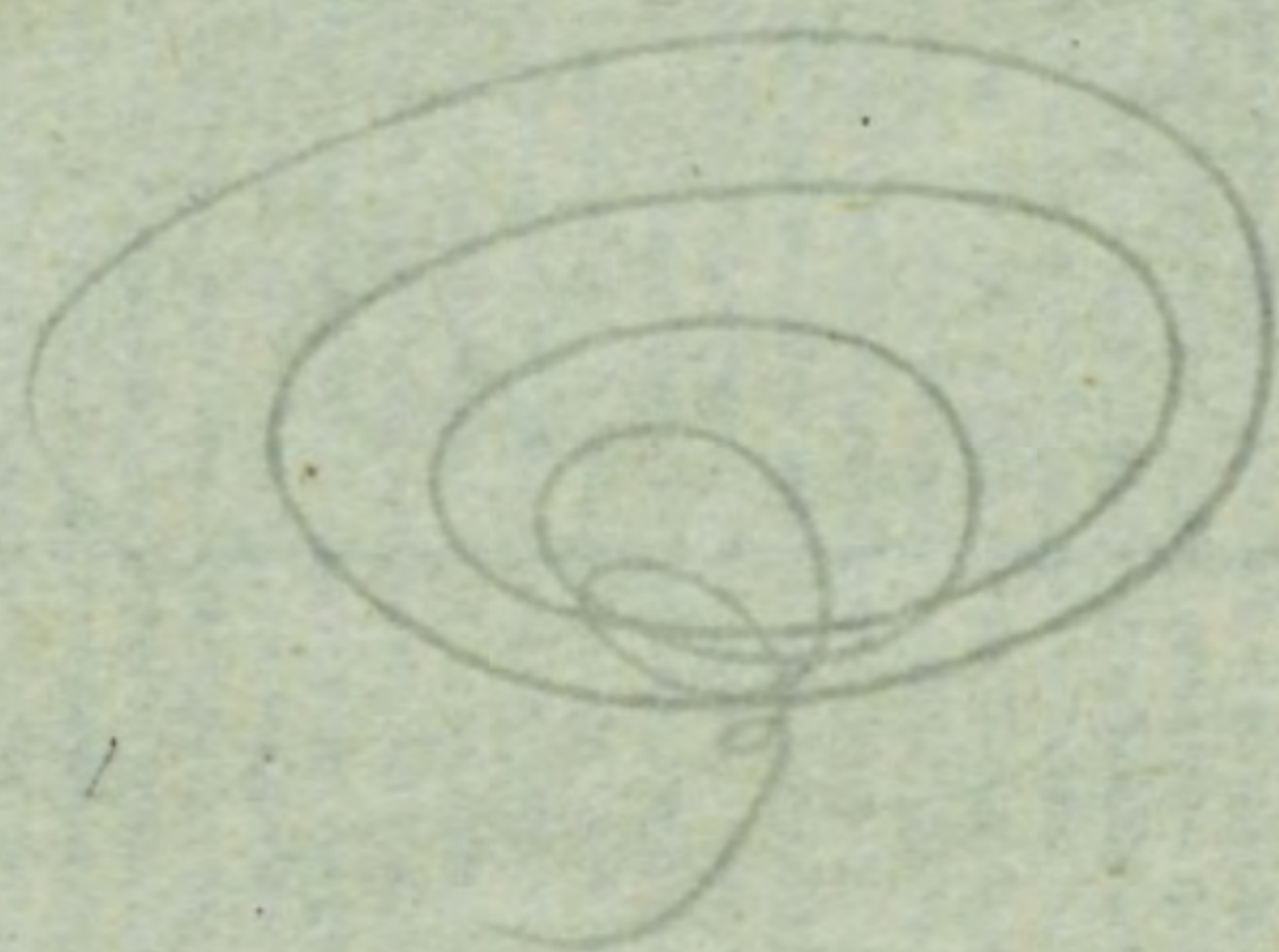
My dear Sister.

I have forgotten what I wrote the last time about starting. so will drop a few more lines and let you know that we shall start Wednesday one more night to stay in Readville. I slept frustrate last night. last night - but today it is very cold and muddy. our knapsacks have arrived, but we have not got them. our things come slow. there is rather too much noise to write much. I should like very much to come home once more but cannot. but shall often <sup>think of</sup> and pray that we may so live every day that we may meet an unbroken family where there will be no more war nor parting. sin nor any thing to mar our happiness and we shall see our blessed saviour who has died for us, this I feel is

worth striving for. many seek  
but are not able. with Gods  
help I will strive to the end  
that he may say to me well  
done, enter thou into the joys of  
thy lord. there are many things  
that I should like to write  
but have not time now give  
my love to all the family. write  
often and long and I shall write  
as often as convenient. from Brother

Daniel

O If you can put that interest money  
into the Walther Savings Bank  
or any other else if you wish  
or any one else





Newbern Oct 27 162

Dear Sister

I arrived  
safely in Newbern Sunday  
Oct 26. at twelve and on half  
o'clock. for the first time placed  
my feet on Southern Soil. it  
looks very different from what  
I expected. very sandy the trees  
mostly Pine. from the Steamboat  
we rode in an open car in a pouring  
rain, from thirty to forty miles  
and arrived at dark, and quartered  
in a storage house. we could  
see between each board. I slept  
as well as could be expected  
under the circumstances. Our  
barracks are not done yet. I am  
now waiting for our tents to be  
made the barracks will be done

this week. They are better  
ones than we had at Readville  
there is three tiers and made very  
strong and wider than those at Readville  
we had quite a quick passage but not  
as very pleasant one to me being sick  
considerable of the time but was all  
well as soon as I reached land  
my breakfast I took at a Capt  
of the 29<sup>th</sup> Reg which was the  
first meal that I have enjoyed  
since I left Dartmouth. I cannot stop  
to write more now.

From your Brother Daniel.

Please direct letters to  
Newberne N.C. Co I 49 Reg

From Daniel.

19<sup>th</sup> Feb

Newburne N.S. Nov

Dear Sister

Although  
not hearing from you since  
I wrote I thought you  
would like to hear from  
me we have just arrived  
at Newburne again after  
being absent two weeks  
on an expedition We first  
took the steamer and went  
to Washington N.S. then  
went on foot I should think  
from one hundred to one hundred  
and fifty miles. I had as  
much walking as I wished.

At Lloyd's break we had a skirmish with some Rebels about five hundred in number. They fired pretty lively for a while. From our Regt, they killed two, and wounded seven. It was after dark. not giving us a very good chance, at first. They were stationed just beyond a creek with a hill on the other side; they had every advantage. They soon showed their heels. I had to stand in the water about fifteen minutes. There were about thirty or forty Rebels killed, and quite a number wounded. I felt rather peculiar hearing the bullets on every side whizzing by and some striking

very near us. After we got  
1- through returned back to a  
field for the night (it was  
then three o'clock) with wet-  
feet and legs. Started again  
in the morning did not see  
any more rebels, but saw places  
they had just left, some leaving  
their table all set and other  
things so that we knew they  
had just left. We fared very  
well in the cities, living  
high and sleeping in private  
houses, they killed Pigs,  
Cows, Geese, Chickens, with  
sweet Potete and Veg to go  
with them. We found a large  
pile of Potete to each house  
I feel thankful once more to  
return to Newbern in

good health and spirits, it  
seems like getting home  
to go into Barracks as I am  
very glad to be in them. there  
is such heavy dew you should  
think it had been raining  
and such cold nights I  
cannot sleep but a short  
time at once. we had fires  
burning all night sleep a  
little, then sit by the fire.  
One night I slept till ten then  
I sat by the fire the rest of  
the night, and sometimes we  
were marching. My feet are  
rather sore otherwise I am all  
right. Some other time I will  
write more, give my love  
to all the folks. write very soon  
and tell all the rest of that write

I am most out  
of stamps

Beices Creek N.C. Thursday

Dec 18 62

Dear Sister Susie

I received two letters written Nov 16 and 23<sup>rd</sup> from you. I can assure you they gave me a good deal of pleasure. I suppose you know that another expedition has started, we have had some glorious news from them but cannot tell whether it is true or not. They started the 11<sup>th</sup> of Dec. I should have been very glad to have seen them off; they started at daybreak, and the last of them commenced

marching at nine a clock.  
I was told it was from  
twelve to fifteen miles  
long. Not being with the Reg, I  
have not much to write.

We are very comfortably situated.  
I have a cot bed just big enough  
for myself; it is about six inches  
from the floor. All the rest  
have bunks with mattresses on  
them. Thus is a platform all  
round the building just  
wide enough for the bunks,  
and about eighteen inches  
from the floor. The room is  
about 24 feet square it is very  
substantial we have nothing  
to fear from bullets and think  
we shall not be troubled with

Cannon, I think I am in a very  
safe place. The roof is rather  
light, there are slats nailed to  
the rafters about two inches  
wide and about four inches  
apart, for furniture we have  
chairs, Tables, Stools, Boxes,  
and have plenty to eat with  
good conveniences for cooking.  
The worst of it is, that we  
are rather lonesome taken away  
from the Reg and especially from  
Charley Fuller and having little  
or nothing to do. When I think  
of the other boys on the march  
I feel perfectly satisfied;  
marching is hard work I  
know from experience. I hope  
they will not have to be marched

so fast as they were before  
How do you all do at home  
There have been four Boves  
<sup>brought</sup> ~~come~~ here; some came with  
Poultry and Muttons and were  
all moulded. There was another  
without the Poultry and was  
perfectly good a box I should  
like ~~there~~ very much but there  
is some risk so will leave it  
all with you. I dont know as I  
shall want any clothing except  
stockings, and a pair of slippers.  
I do not expect one, but if you  
do I should like to have you  
see or write to David's Court &  
ask him to ask Miss Stetson  
for some Treaches; she can get  
them for nothing for soldiers  
some Apples too. This is not very  
interesting to you. Give my love to  
all the folks. My health is good and  
shall try and keep it so. Your ~~brother~~ <sup>brother</sup> ~~own~~  
Daniel

Brices Creek,

N.C. Saturday Dec 27/62.

Dear Sister,

I received  
a letter from you the twenty  
second and I also sent one  
to you. perhaps you will  
think I am begining on a large  
scale but I will try and make  
it all right when I see you.  
I am just through breakfast  
it is a raining day the first  
one we have had for a long  
time it is quite warm I  
wish we might have a thermome-  
ter so we might see how warm  
it is I should think it  
averages fifty degrees above zero  
I do not pretend to wear any  
thing but my blouse and  
sometimes not that except  
at Night and in the morning

a little while there is  
such heavy dews. I have  
plenty of time to write  
but I have not much news  
since I came here from the  
Regiment. I write about a  
letter a day. I went to the  
camp Christmas day it seemed  
very good to see the boys  
and especially Charley Fuller  
it being the first time I  
have seen him since I came  
from the camp. He said  
the last march was a hard one  
it made him some lame  
he said the last they marched  
thirty two miles which is  
equal to about fifty northern  
miles he said our Regiment  
was in four battles, I guess  
they had a pretty hard time  
they had their knapsacks  
with them I should feel  
satisfied to stay here if I could

ful that I was doing  
anything for my country  
for which I came here  
if I have to stay here  
all the time I shall be so lazy  
when I get back that I cannot  
do any thing. I was on the  
police yesterday I swept out  
the house up stairs and down  
and helped pick up some  
wood round the house to  
burn in a bonfire so we  
shall look respectable if  
we have any visitors. the  
chaplain was here last night  
he gave us a box of dominoes  
and some chess men and a  
chequer board the boys are  
playing with them now. I  
was very glad to receive a letter  
from Henry I could not think  
who it was from at first but  
soon found out. I have received  
eight letters from home and one  
from Mary & also Charley Photographs

also the other six you sent  
by Mrs Alexander although she  
did not come they come in  
a box the papers I have also  
received. I have drawn from  
the government a pair of shoes  
that I am now wearing my boots  
are spoilt. Thanks giving day was  
a very pleasant day most of the  
companies had their usual dinner  
Turkeys & Pudding and all the  
festings our company had their  
usual fare & Charly & I made some  
hoccakes for dinner which were  
very good. I thought of you at  
home once in a while I can assure  
you it was not on account of  
sickness that I am here for I  
never was better my foot is some  
lame but it does not trouble  
me much I have some liniment  
that I rub on it did Father send  
the Apples we have a horse and  
wagon so there will be no trouble  
about getting any thing that is sent  
to me one of the other men expect  
a barrel to come the same way

of what I wanted

From your

very distant

Brother

Daniel

one stamp left.

Brics Creek

N.C. Sunday Jan 4/63

Dear sister and folks at home.

I received a letter from you the first day of the year also the puzzle! I had been thinking of it a few days it came just in time and I am very glad you sent it I think you had better not send the book but if Charley will copy a few more and send them by mail with a letter of his own writing I should like to have him. It makes no difference whether you put on Brics creek or not some of us are at camp

every day we have passes  
two a day. I went day before  
yesterday and when I come  
back I thought somebody had  
taken possession there was  
a company of the 51<sup>st</sup> here  
they thought they was going  
to put us out but found it  
not quite so easy we told  
them we had orders to come  
here and should stay here  
until we had orders from  
them to go. The corporal  
went to Newburn to find  
out and Gen Foster told us  
to stay here until we had  
orders to go. We let them  
into the lower floor and  
then or lower up with us  
and in the morning we  
found about six pounds of  
sugar yarn and all of our

onions I call that rather  
mean after giving them a  
lodging place. They are  
building a bridge close to  
our house they say it is to  
pass our troops, pass they  
are in a great hurry for and  
her expedition to go there  
is a lot more of troops  
arrived quite a number of  
brigades I hear that our  
brigade is not going  
This is a warm pleasant  
day you may judge whether  
it is warm or not they  
are washing themselves all  
over out of doors. How I  
wish I could get into a  
church where I could feel  
that we had a Sabbath  
and a day set apart to think

and prepare for our  
eternal home. to which we  
must all go very soon. I liked  
the services better than usual  
today. The time is going  
fast and if it is Gods will  
I shall return and once  
more enjoy the privileges  
of the house of God I can  
enjoy sweet communion with  
him but the influences around  
me are bad I do not have any  
one that I can talk with  
freely. I am expecting my Apples  
every day but have not received  
them I have been to Mr Blayges  
Store and he is expecting the  
vessel every day. There is a  
large mail in and we shall  
get it tomorrow I long to  
get hold of my part of it  
the last mail left here with  
38 thousand letters somebody  
writes did you get the letter that  
had the list of

Give my love to  
all the folks Mary  
J. and Eliza Francis  
and Sarah  
and yourself  
From your  
Sister  
Breth  
Daniel

Briess creek  
N.C. Thursday Jan 8/63

Dear Sister Susie,

I received  
a letter from you dated Jan  
6. It was written Dec 28, that  
come pretty quick I love to see  
them come I guess you did not  
care about seeing a letter I wrote  
to you for the things I wanted,  
they are so many I will square  
up when I see you you must  
help yourself to interest money  
if I have any, you would  
laugh if you could see us  
some mornings cooking our

own breakfast this morning  
I cooked some griddle cakes  
they was licking good. I  
will tell you how I made  
them, yesterday afternoon I cut  
up in small pieces some bread  
that I had, it was dry and  
put some water in it to soak.  
I stirred it up once in a while  
and crumbled it up as much  
as I could, and let it stand  
till morning then mixed in  
a little flour and stored it  
considerable, and had a  
spider to cook them in  
and some coffee did I not  
live high? Butter costs forty  
cents per pound Sugar 25

Malasses 100 per gal  
raisins 40 cts per lb

and oth<sup>r</sup> things accordingly  
do you blame me for wanting  
those things, and seeing th<sup>t</sup>  
the boys boxes come, it  
makes my mouth water. I  
am expecting my Apples every  
day the vessel has arrived  
when it is taken from the  
vessel I shall get them I feel  
very thankfull to Father & F<sup>r</sup>  
for them. I received your litt<sup>r</sup>  
and puzzle you sent me. I  
had been thinking about it  
for a few days and am very glad  
to receive it it seems to me  
that I am just as safe here as

when I was in Reston I cannot  
realize that I am in an enemys  
country at least I feel so I guess  
I have received everything you have  
sent Charlys Photograph. Journeys  
Gentimils Inquire and letters  
and the six Photographs you give  
David they come in a box the  
day before Charlys come. I wrote  
to Eliza in a day or two after  
receiving hers it took her letter  
a month to come. I only take  
off my shoes I go out go out just  
when I please and stay as long as I  
wish. There is a company of the  
5th here they do picket duty at  
night and walk out once in a while  
in the day time. If I stay here the  
rest of the time I do not know  
but I shall be too lazy to do any  
thing. I am on police tomorrow  
we have two darkies to help  
us such as wash dishes bring  
water and wood. I wash my own  
dishes my health is very good  
and hope it will continue so

Briers Creek N.C. Sunday Jan 18/68

Dear Sister,

I received  
yours and Charly's letter last  
Thursday he done so well I would  
suggest that he try again, I know  
he would if <sup>he</sup> knew how glad I was  
to get them. I should like a slice  
of that seven pound Turkey I think  
I could eat it and should like to  
see you all. I should not have  
sent Mary Jane's letter if I knew it  
was not directed right. Francis &  
Sarah did not get the did they  
I have received the papers and all the  
Photographs Charly and the other  
six did the barrels of Apples start  
the 19<sup>th</sup> in Mr Blaggs vessel the  
Torpedo, other things have been distri-  
buted but I have not got my Apples

He sell Apples himself perhaps he  
dont care about bringing them for  
any one else I am expecting the box  
every day I have got word that I  
have got something in another box  
sent from Boston in the same vessel  
I think that must be ~~sending~~ the  
best way for sending things in  
My bootmaker is on the corner of  
Lynde street and green st I did not  
think anything about that it  
seems as though David must know  
the place it is rather late now

It has been quite <sup>a</sup> cold for a day or  
two I got another blanket. There  
has been three men discharged I  
got it of one of them they sailed  
this morning they was very glad  
to go they was from the black hoar  
I have moved my bunk to the  
other side of the house there is  
five more men from the 5<sup>th</sup> coming  
coming with us. We have had a

cannon come here and they  
are going to take care of it  
we have very little to do and  
plenty to do it. We have a cat  
here which is very usefull  
before we get her we could hear  
the mice and rats running  
round on all sides I seldom  
here them now Sunday we  
have but two meals this  
morning I had some hashed  
meat and potato some tosted  
bread and coffee we are going  
to have Puffsteak for Dinner and  
supper that makes us have a good  
appetite. If I could be at home on  
Sunday I should be satisfied  
I enjoy reading in my testament  
and some religious papers that are  
sent me my best friend is here  
and takes care of me and if it  
is his will by and by shall come and  
see you and the many friends that I

have left behind that will  
be a happy time to me  
if I can return in health and  
safety. Remember me in much  
love to all the folks, you and  
all. From your brother at the war.

Daniel.

some one that  
that was com-  
ing here  
perhaps that  
is the reason  
you got letters  
after any one  
else did not.

Prices creek Feb 15/63

I received  
two letters from you a few days  
since and since then I have  
received that Box with the  
sausages & Pickles and other  
reading matter and the letter  
from you. Is not that the  
first time that Sarah was  
ever to Watch Nathans you  
wrote about its being icy and  
hard to walk I know some-  
thing about that in G Russell<sup>st</sup>  
I will answer your other letters  
they always stop the mail when  
there is an expedition to start

our Reg did not go on the  
large expedition but it did go  
on a small one near Plymouth  
and was gone ten days I heard  
that they was all taken prisoners  
but did not believe it. They  
came back safe and well  
I was at camp the next day  
and got the mail & letter just  
think of it they only had one  
day and nights marching  
through the mud & Stevens  
told me and he told me to  
give his love to you they slept  
on board the Warthorn that  
was good but Charley told  
me that it was not entirely  
free from insects and they  
brought some away with them

My lame foot is about well  
My barrel and Box I have got  
from you, What did you say  
they were making for Mr. Hill  
I cannot make it out, Any one  
that has the lead thing ails the  
they ought not to come into the  
army any thing lasts a good  
while they do not have the care  
that they would at home a good  
many in the blockhouse have  
had colds I with the rest but  
not so bad as the rest - it was  
a coughing cold the big Apple  
was split in two places they  
are little more than half gone  
now I have kept a journal since  
thanks giving but I was not  
expecting to show you it some of

it I had just as lives I have  
been paid of once I have  
about nine dollars now I  
had twenty three dollars  
my Boots fit first rate but think  
I shall have to wear them with  
the inner soles out - I am still  
wearing my shoes. I stamp three times  
from you some of the garrus  
have the rheumatism and some  
with heart disease and lam  
anclis but they are getting better  
I heard of Elyah Wellington's death  
the evenings are very pleasant  
overhead it looks like Mass  
I have seen snow once this Winter  
you wrote you had not much  
in the house to eat if it was  
not for our boxes we should  
not have much we do not now  
draw any fresh bread nor meat  
but shall the twentieth letter  
mailed at Worcester we were sent by

you invited F& I to a turkey  
dinner and now said a word  
to me I do not find any fault  
with my living I hope I will  
take lessons on the piano and  
Francis will learn to sing so  
that I can enjoy a good song  
I have not had one lately

I tried the receipt for quiddie cakes  
I did not have quite enough  
flour but they was quite good

I have a spider of my own my  
correspondence are you, Mary J.

Eliza Clark, Carrie Staples, Nellie  
M Boynton, Miss Stearns, Nellie M  
Hodgdon, Mrs Alexander, M Parker

Mr. Oreal, George V. Barr,  
Miss Seaburg, Sarah that is  
all I remember now I recat the  
other day that friends writing  
to Gaddes made them homeless  
I do not think so I could do  
without everything else except  
my food better than without  
my mail you do not know  
how anxious we all are to get  
the mail I think some of us  
would be homeless if we did  
not get any I have writte about  
forty letters since Thanks giving  
you are the only one that I owe  
a letter I have taken pleasure in  
eating some of those sausages  
that Aunt Merenda bred for me

I suppose they are some  
that David made and  
the Pickles are delicious are  
the Pickles you sent some you  
made Pickles never tasted  
so good I have had one Apple  
pudding since I came here with  
sauce to eat on it but I will  
Sunt M. for making the best  
one it is my favorite pudding  
when she got my letter she found  
out I was not to blame for her not  
getting her letter before I have got  
and answered Gerard's letter

Mary's letter is received and answered  
I guess that there is no possibil-  
ity of an attack it would take

a very leede army to go  
into Newbern it is protected  
my gunboats. Today is Sunday  
I got up at seven put on clean  
clothes and washed at the creek  
ate breakfast of baked beans  
Sausages Pickles Pepper and  
Vinegar then I went into the  
woods alone with my Testament  
and I had a blessed good time  
all quiet and I read aloud my  
heart went with thankfulness  
that my life and health had  
been spared and could enjoy  
another holy Sabbath the best day  
of the week and if faithful shall  
go where it is one continual  
Sabbath that is where we all shall  
meet Love to all and thanks for all the  
the favours shown me your affectionate  
Daniel.

I have just  
received a letter  
from Charley and  
one from a friend  
in Boston. The  
first one I have  
got since I got  
here. What a  
good thing a  
letter is for a  
soldier. Thanks  
to Charley for  
such a long  
letter and to  
you for so many  
pleasures. Keep  
on D. L.  
The last  
letter that I have received was from  
you and Charley dated Feb 6. There  
has been two mails in since but  
I did not get one from anyone but  
last night I got 2 journals <sup>from you</sup> Feb 16, 17  
and a Lions Herald from Miss Stetson.  
Today is rainy so that I have to stay in  
the house. This forenoon I done  
a little sewing on my outside shirt in  
2 or 3 places and some of my clothing.  
I ripped off the buttons and made them  
larger. I weigh 143, about 10 lbs more  
than I weighed when I left Boston.  
That is the sign I do not fare very  
hard is it not. Perhaps when it  
gets hot weather I shall not be so  
fat. Today we had Beef for dinner  
and I had the Tomatoes you sent.

me in the box they were very good  
tell Uncle H. I am very much obliged  
to him for them I have received  
the box from my friends at the Temple  
The Sausage, that Uncle N sent  
were first rate it is very easy cook  
ing them or getting them ready to eat  
they are about half gone and most  
all the pickles they sent us a list  
of the persons who contributed to it  
Mr Mc Lane he paid the Freight  
he is a middle aged man and is  
married. Light complexion ~~he had~~  
a bible class Sunday mornings from  
9 to 10 he is a good teacher  
the next is Mr Warner he sent some  
sacks I give them to Charley he is  
quite an old man Mr Staples is the  
next I do not know what he sent  
he is a young man and is married  
and used to be my Sunday School  
teacher and sings in the choir his  
wife sent some candy Miss Neal

sent some candy she is Mr  
Copelands head bookkeeper Mrs  
Hutchins sent some cake her  
husband used to be with me in  
the Sunday School she is a very good  
woman & Mrs Morrow she is the wife  
of the one of the finance committee  
she is tall and light complexion  
& Mr & Mrs Gergent a very good man  
& wife and much loved by all that  
know them & George Burr works  
for the and boards with the  
Finance committee he  
is my chum his picture is at home  
it is in that double case with  
Charly Fuller we used to be so much  
together he says he feels homesick  
without me I miss him very much  
that is all the members I have Charly  
had most of the eatables besides what  
Wade & sent you say you have  
been singing this evening tell you  
are home I have not done that

lately I should like to have a  
good long sing I will make it up  
when I get home if I have to sing  
alone I used to sing with Leharly  
every night both with my voice &  
my heart praises to my blessed  
Jesus who has been with me and  
takes care of me it has stoped  
running there is a squad of men  
of the 5<sup>th</sup> drilling on the cannon  
the whole company are going to drill  
we are not going to drill on the cannon  
are all the folks well how does Mary  
Jane do and her family I have  
excellent health I go on guard  
tomorrow morning from ten to  
twelve it will not be so cold  
as it was Sunday when I was on  
guard last love to all and you  
to has Sarah got my letter I have  
written to her and Mary Jane  
from your affectionate Brother

Daniel

Deer creek Meas 8

Kind Sister,

I received

a letter fifteen days ago from you  
I have only received two since one  
from Charley and one from Boston  
and yesterday I got five papers  
from Boston yesterday I went to  
camp I started at half past seven  
and was there before nine I saw  
Charley and had a good talk  
with him he is very good health  
and most of the rest of the boys  
some of them have the measles  
and some of them have got over  
them all that is the matter with  
me is I have the itch on my  
arms and feet I am washing  
them with sulphur water I  
think it does it good, most

of the boys have got ~~the~~ it  
or had it this is a very pleasant  
day the birds sing for us in the  
day and the frogs at night when  
I am on guard I drew me a Blouse  
yesterday this one is not lined  
it costs \$2.40 st. Two companies  
of our Regiment have gone a few  
miles off to do Picket duty I believe  
they are going to stay a few days  
and then two more companies  
take their place I do not know  
where they are going co's B & F  
went yesterday morning I saw  
the ge last night the sergeant  
and I had a sing he can read  
notes some I mean to keep him  
at it the next time I go down  
town I think I shall by a sing  
ing book they keep them and  
we can have some good sings  
then I shall feel at home as  
you know how does Sarah get

along with her music lessons  
and Francis with singing  
I want a good sing when  
get home can Francis sing  
Tenor or Henry so we can  
have a variety of parts and  
Charly can come in somewhere  
and Fath with the bass viol.  
I should think you might make  
a noise do you sing any in any  
books Sarah's is a good book  
If Sarah & Mary for you want any  
old bone rings if you will  
send a measure in your next  
letter I will see if I can get you  
some and send them by mail  
the Regiment ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> going to sign  
the Pay roles very soon that is  
what we like to see the 51<sup>st</sup> Reg  
has not been paid at all and  
have been here six months  
That is too bad I have just been  
to dinner I had stewed beans

for dinner they was not cooked  
enough and I did not dare to  
eat many and so I toasted  
some bread and had some bread  
and molasses if you get this  
before you send the shirts please  
put in some note paper I am not  
in a hurry for them and Charly  
says you have a great deal to  
do the next time you write please  
tell me what time you expect to  
send them so that I shall know  
when to expect them I expect 2 more  
of the boys here will be detailed  
down town thus is one from  
the camp here now and he says  
there is a mail starts tonight  
so I will close with love to all

Your Brother,

Daniel.

Briers creek Monday Mar 16

Kind Sister,

I received

your letter of Feb 28 Saturday night  
& Mar 6 yesterday morning and I have  
received 6 Stamps, a necktie, and  
some thread. It is Monday morning  
before breakfast I have been out and  
walked and heard the birds sing  
and there is a great many join in  
the song and the sun this morning  
looks like a ball of fire, I agree  
with Alice, that Grace is not a pretty  
name but if the rest like it all right  
did Mary get her teeth and do they  
fit well. I did not know that Sarah  
was making my shirts. I remember  
the coat very well. The weather here  
is quite disagreeable, though not  
very cold. It is very muddy here when

it rains We did not celebrate  
Washingtons birth day at all. I  
have just read a book of J. B. Goughs  
life. You need not send any more  
any other memento. I am on guard to  
day. This is something new we have  
not been on guard but three or four  
weeks. There was a good many officers  
come down here and they thought  
there ought to be a guard and they  
reported it till at last they have  
got one. It is very pleasant on guard  
when the moon shines so bright.  
You spoke of its making you shiver  
do you think it is as cold here  
as it is in Waltham. Once in a  
while we have weather that freezes  
but not very often and then we have  
a fire in the cookhouse when  
we want it. I should like to  
just step in where you are sitting  
to enjoy a little surprise with you  
I shall if it is the lords will

you say that Francis has the  
Rheumatism there is a good  
deal of that in the army there is  
quite a number at the Blackhouse  
About a month ago I did not know  
but what I was going to have it  
I had a pain in my knee that felt  
very much like it but it lasted  
two or three days and then went  
away. I never have seen a bedy jumper  
in use or otherwise when I come  
home I will see it. Is Mr Gibbs  
coming on purpose to bring boxes  
or has he some other business. My  
shirts are growing small it is  
as much as one can do to  
button them round my neck or  
wrists either. We divide our things  
round some there was few boxes  
come Saturday I have had something  
out of the all most of my eatables  
are gone. I have some pickles. Rattle  
seems all gone. I have Apples yet

they keep very well. I have very few left. My foot is very near well perhaps I may say entirely well. it does not trouble me any nobody has looked at it for more than three months so it cannot be very bad you see. The men at the black house are pretty good men but they will wear very bad sometimes that makes me feel bad. If they loved God with all their heart they would not take his name in vain. They are the same ones that come at first and then after have gone. have those noises in your ears troubled you long. it is very curious what it is. I do not know as I have seen Col Higgenro. the boys are out playing round ball and my paper is full and I will close with good bye and love to all your affectionate Brother. David.

Brics creek May 18/63

Dear Sister

I received a letter from you Sunday, and the team has just started for another mail the mails come pretty often now I generally get one, two, or three at a time. I shall be very glad when I can get some vegetables and a little variety once in a great while we have some thing besides bread they had Beef today, I did not eat any not feeling very well be left tomorrow. I am very much obliged to you for writing to me. For I think that I want this as bad as any one, I think so. I think I shall come with the Reg and start by the first of June. The Col thinks so. We hear that the negro Reg is on his way out

in the I.R. Spalding and  
they are expecting it every  
day has it started yet and  
we are going home in it. I do  
not suppose we can find any  
thing about it. Is any one else  
coming in Boston but you, I have  
only used the cream of tartar in  
some griddle cakes. Our conno  
isseurs were not very good for  
cooking the pudding is pretty  
warm weather. If Adams Express  
run now regular now I would  
send a barrel of tar. I do not  
know when it would get there  
the government have all the  
steamers. I was on guard the  
very night you wrote your last  
letter. That is rather curious.  
I hope Grace will not have  
fits I know Lewis Marsh very  
well. Got up about six one  
cannot lay any longer than

that the flies trouble  
you so I did my police  
duty and cut some wood  
Tuesday May 19. This is a warm  
pleasant day last night I got  
a good letter and a sheet of paper  
and a stamp many thanks to you  
for the kind favors you have  
given me and a constant supply  
of letter and paper and I got a  
paper from Sarah and a journal  
from you. Nothing particular  
has been going on but berry pic-  
king Blackberries One went out  
this morning and brought back  
a quart and a pint pail heap-  
ing full and a heap of dippers  
full. I have read some and laid  
on my bunk did not feel like  
going after berries. Are B. Berries  
ripe where you are probably I  
shall have two crops. Two of  
our Sient's were down here this

afternoon. The boys have  
been cleaning their guns this  
day. They say that I have had  
the butt gun long enough  
and will not have it longer  
if they can do it. I say go ahead.  
There were two more boxes  
went to the Express today.  
When I carried mine down they  
had a very large pile of boxes  
I sent mine to Uncle Nathans  
and want it left there if it  
gets there before I do till I  
come. Charly has some things  
in it. The same man has  
just brought in that large  
pail of Berris full again

Near Ft Smith Virginia

Dear Sister Sunday July 24<sup>th</sup> 64.

I take this the first opportunity to inform you that I am in the Hospital with the same disease that I left Newberne with, though not so bad. I think the worst of it is over though I am quite weak. I tried to be very carefull. We came most of the way by rail. We started Wednesday July 20<sup>th</sup> at one. arrived at Grötts 7<sup>h</sup>. Then we took a steamer for South Amboy N.J. had excellent quarters Co A had bunks to sleep in and a carpet on the floor. it was rather warm. I was on guard two hours to guard our guns. In Philadelphia we were provided with a Colation and a good wash. We are now in a very pleasant place on high ground

As I was going along in the cars  
I saw ripe Peaches and Tomatoes  
there was one large orchard  
that stretch my eye I felt as  
though I would like to get  
hold of two or three they were  
large and nice they were  
picking them. I saw a great  
deal of corn, some immense  
fields and looked very well.  
I hear the church bells ringing  
I should like to slip into  
the Temple about this  
time it is 10 1/4 o'clock to hear  
one of Mr. Feltton's good sermons  
I think of nothing more of import-  
ance. I am doing well and well  
taken care of. When you write here  
at the Washington Col. Mass Reg Co. A  
Much love to all. How is  
M. J. and all the rest. From  
your brother.

Daniel.

Arlington Heights  
Tuesday Aug 9, 1864.

Dear Sister Jessie,

I received  
the second letter from you, yesterday  
afternoon dated Aug 4<sup>th</sup>  
I was so glad to get it it seemed  
so long since I have had one.  
I have not had but three  
since I have been here, your  
having rain is certainly good  
news. We have had two or three  
showers lately which dispelled  
the dust. Mary is getting along  
nicely is she not I shall be look-  
ing for that letter pretty soon  
We have no Thermometer here but  
I know that it is intensely hot  
I do not think I can give you  
much of an ~~exact~~ description  
of the heights. It is very hilly and  
no trees near us here I wish there

was, I can take a good deal of  
comfort under them. I can see  
none of the fortifications around  
Washington. My bunkmate is  
Frederic A. Garburn from the Temple  
he and I are alone in a small  
tent. They are made with a post  
at each end and a stick laid  
across then fastened to the  
ground with pins drove in  
the ground and at the top  
it is buttoned. I should like  
some of those nice pelisses you  
speak of. I have not started of  
one since I left Boston. You  
asked me how much I had to do  
I have not done a days duty yet  
I have been more sick here than  
I was at the hospital, but  
I think now that I am clear  
of the dysentery and I feel  
much better today, and hope

I shall continue to do so  
I have laid still long enough  
Have I told you that ~~me~~  
I have had my hair cut off  
short. It was so thin that I  
thought I had better while out  
here I like it first rate only  
the flies bother my head  
some they seem to like our  
little tents because they are so  
warm. The police have just  
swept by my tent and here I  
am lying down writing to  
you! they made some dust

Wednesday 10 Yesterday was  
very hot and I suffered consi-  
derable being obliged to keep  
so still I just tasted of some  
Water mellen it did taste  
good. I sent my clothes yest-  
erday to be washed expect  
them back this morning

all I ate yesterday was a  
toasted cracker and a half  
and a small piece of cheese  
till last night I had a piece  
of broiled Beefsteak and  
a few slices of fried potato  
they did go to the right  
spot they did not get hot  
I am going to try and get  
another piece this morn-  
ing but dont know whether  
I can get it when the rest  
are not going to get it  
Daniel wished to be remem-  
bered to you and I enclose  
this little flower from him  
I guess you will think that  
this is a very poor letter  
but I will try and write a  
better one when I feel better  
love to all the family also Kate  
if there, From your affec. brother  
Daniel,

S Wednesday Aug 24<sup>th</sup>  
Fort Delaware, Delaware

Dear Sister.

This is the opportunity that I have had to write to you. I started from Arlington Heights Sunday morning about nine o'clock. The Capt took my knapsack and gun and equipments and packed them in a box a few of the sick ones that was able to walk started along and walked slow till we come to the bridge that that leads to Georgetown there was a guard there so we could go no farther so we stoped till the Reg came along then went on, we marched till nearly night halting once in a while then we get into the cars and in the mor

ning found ourselves in Baltim  
ore. I bought a few peaches. Went  
to an eating house and get some  
thing to eat - I had bought a  
peach pie for ten cents which was  
about as much as I could eat with  
the peaches and a cantelope melon  
I drank some coffee. Then we got  
into some nice cars seats cushioned  
usually we have baggage cars it was  
quite a treat and had a good long  
ride we arrived at Philadelphia  
at half past eight then we marched  
street for a eating saloon the name  
was the Cooper shop Vol Refreshm  
ents Saloon then we had a good  
supper then we went out and they  
cleared of the tables then we came  
in again and slept on the floor  
I think that I slept well I did not  
wake up to see. Then they give us a  
breakfast in the morning. We can  
buy fruit at any price Fred and  
I bought  $\frac{1}{2}$  Peaches for 10 cts Mallon

2 cts a good sized one some bought  
a 3 peck basket full of Mittens for  
20 cts and some give them away  
I ate as many as I dared to guess  
I did not eat too many. We stayed  
there till after dinner so had an  
other meal at the same place then  
started at 3 and went on board a  
steamer and came to this place  
got here at 7 slept in side the ft  
on a stone floor had no trouble  
sleeping. We are rather short for  
rations! I bought 2 loaves of bread  
in Phil which was very handy  
This is quite a pleasant place  
there is from 12 to 15 thousand  
rebels that we have to guard  
they are a rather a hard looking  
set what I have seen of them  
they keep sending them off and  
new ones take their place I suppose  
I have stood the marching for it  
rate and am going on duty now  
I guess that I am all right now

We have just drew some soft-  
bread. If you lift up your eyes  
and you will see nearly every one  
writing letters. There are cannon  
balls all piled up round I should  
think ten inches through.  
we are on the lower floor. the  
gun are all up stairs. We have  
got to attend to our business a  
little better here such as keeping  
guns clean shoes blacked and  
tend to all orders promptly  
we are going to be in barracks  
I am so glad to get out of those  
littl shelter tents. I guess it  
will be cool and nice here as  
it is so near the water.

Direct letters now to Fort Delwa-  
re. Delaware I close with much  
love to you all. I think we shall  
not move again till we move  
to Boston when I hope to see  
you all in good health. Daniel.



The U. S. Christian Commission  
sends this as the soldier's messenger to his home.  
Let it hasten to those who wait for tidings

"There is a Friend that sticketh closer than a brother."

Fort Del Delaware  
Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1864.

Dear Pussie

I will write  
you a short letter to let you know  
that I received my Box in very good  
order and was very thankfull to get  
it although very unexpectedly. The  
can of blackberry some how or other got  
jammed so that it leaked so that  
I have to turn it over. And when I  
want to use some I have to put my  
thumb on the place and keep it there  
till I have done using it. I have <sup>been</sup> trying  
to get some putty but could find  
none but this morning I was lucky  
enough to see one of the boys with a  
little piece just enough and I asked

him to give it to one and he did  
so and I put it off and put it out  
on the eartrough to dry. The sun will  
come out in the afternoon. I am in  
a top bunk near the eaves. There  
are three bunks on each side the other  
the weather is cool and comfortable  
the nights are quite cold. it is as  
much as I can do to keep warm. We  
have not seen any rain since we left  
Arlington Heights only one day when  
the sun shone. The Island has about  
one hundred and thirty acres. The Fort  
is tall and built of stone. There are  
guns on the top and thirty two holes  
on a side there is water all round  
it. There is brick houses inside  
the and people live in them. And  
a good many outside. There is  
plenty of water mellers to be had  
at the sutlers you can get a good  
large one for ten cents if you have  
it I have not I have not dared to

eat any get only now and then I would  
big a piece. Tuesday I was on police  
and my duty was with two others to go  
in a boat to New Jersey to guard three  
rebs while they buried three of  
them dead I get back at nine o'clock  
We moved from the case mates in  
the Fort to our barracks they have  
been all torn out and white  
washed and put back I helped  
clean them out and wash out the  
floor. We look very nice now only  
the white wash wash comes off  
very badly. My Box came the day  
before we moved here. I carried  
it into the barrack it makes a  
very good seat the benches are  
wide enough for three but only  
two occupy them we have plenty  
of shelves and nails for our conven-  
ience. I received your letter without  
the Delaware on it. I get the box  
first and I have received your and

Mothers letter yesterday that come  
very quick I got it the next day  
after it was mailed I have  
letters quite often I am happy to say  
from home. The reason I stood the  
journey so well was because I had not-  
hing to carry but something to eat & drink  
out of. I like him very much better than  
at Arlington Heights. I think if any one  
is where they can really enjoy prayer  
and have communion with Jesus he  
can enjoy any of Gods word whoever  
speaks it there is where I love to  
live and stay there all the time  
I should think it would seem good  
to have a small family again and  
get some rest. I think you should  
keep the receipt and I will settle  
all my debts of money on when I get  
home. When you write a letter all  
I have to do is to look on the out-  
side to know to hear it comes  
from. With a share of love I am  
still your brother. Thanks to Mother for writing.  
Daniel.

Fort Delaware Del.  
Thursday Sept 15/64

Dear Sister Susie,

I received  
a letter day before yesterday of the  
eleventh from you I am very glad  
to have you write so often. This  
is quite a warm day it has been  
quite cold. But I should think not  
colder than you have had it  
there. I thank Mother for the Rhei-  
berb that she sent me but I am  
very thankfull that I have not  
had occasion to use any yet.  
My appetite was never better than  
now that I know of and nothing  
hurts me. I like to eat now because  
there was so long that I ate little

or nothing I will tell you now  
how much I have lost since last  
winter, then I weighed one hundred  
and forty three, and about two  
weeks ago, I weighed myself and  
was almost scared, It was one hun  
dred and sixteen. But I am gain  
ing now fast. My boy is pretty  
well disposed of. Tired of letters, I  
should like to see such a person  
as a soldier tired of letters, you  
might as well think of a man with  
a good appetite get tired of eating  
is it not very early for a frost  
has it hurt the corn or other things  
much. Yes I have always been a  
scholar in the Sunday School but  
I have often thought that I shou  
ld like to be a teacher if I could  
interest them and benefit them  
but I cannot use my tongue  
much, that you know. I do love

to be with a good teacher in  
the Sunday school to study Gods  
holy word that I may know his  
will and my duty and I hope  
that we all shall do it. For it  
is those only that shall live in  
peace with him. I did not attend  
our prayer meetings scarcely at all  
till I came to Fort Del since we  
came here the meetings are held  
in our mess room. We was going  
to have them in the church but  
the Gen would not allow it  
in the evening it is a very  
good place to have them. One  
takes charge of them one night  
and another one the next. They are  
very interesting and they strengthen  
those who are trying to serve Jesus  
there are those of different companies  
who come in with us we have  
the meetings on Sunday, Tuesdays

and Friday evenings from  
half past seven to half past  
eight so you can know where  
I am at that time lifting my  
heart in prayer and praise  
to our kind heavenly Father  
who gives us every blessing we  
enjoy. Frict always goes to meeting  
and the Chaplain come in one  
evening. Last Sunday evening  
the Father of Genl Hall Jackson  
was with us he is quite an old  
man he spoke to us at some  
length and I was much pleased  
with his remarks. He is a  
unior man to the back bone  
and a faithful christian. At  
least he was Sunday night  
sending love and good wishes  
to all I remain your absent brother

Daniel,