

Port Hood N. Y. Harbor

Eme 9th 1863

Dear little Sissey, Mother

you want to know what I did because
I did not answer your letter sooner?
I read it several days ago & I answered
that money that Mother sent me
before I did your letter. I thought we
would be sure anxious to hear from
me then you would. as you are
having such good times there going to
parties &c. I am changing my head
quarters every often. Two weeks ago to
day I left Bedloms island & went
to 51th Street ^{Key} & yesterday I was sent
back again to Bedloms I don't
know how long I shall stay here
or where I shall go to from here

But I expect to go to Washington
to the Comhusant camp & then if
I am not discharged I shall go to
the Regt. I know I shall go soon
for I have got so tired of the Hospital
that I hate the sight of one
Our Island here is right in N. Y. Harbor
where we have good chance to see
all the ~~sizes~~ vessels that come
into the Harbor it is a pleasant
place & they live better here than
they did when I was here before

Now I had a gay old dream
last night I thought I was at
home at our old place in little
Valley & I was having fine times every
thing looked just as natural as
could be But when I woke up
this morning I found my self
a doomed of I soon from there
when you write again tell me all
about how Pa gets along this
summer from what I can guess he

is having rather poor luck. I suppose
that he & me. receive them letters
about our dear Mary? I wish
they wouldnt for it is all useless
for them to fret & worry I am
getting along all right. I expect
to go to Washington now before long
& I shall be examined there & if
I am not able to go to my
Regt. they wont send me &
I dont care if they do I had as
live here there as here
the 24th is ours to the city
I wanted to stop & see them
yesterday when our came along
but I couldnt so I guess I
shall see them at all soon
they will be home in a few
days & I suppose George & Clark
will feel mighty glad Clark
will tell some great yarns
about me.

Write if you write to me
while I am here you
must write just as soon
as you get this for I may
not stay here but a little
while don't send any thing
of any value in your letters
until I get some where where
I can be sure of getting them
Give my respects to K & Agnes
& love to this little girl

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