

Camp "Distinction" Va  
August 6<sup>th</sup> 1862  
Dear Father

our stay in Fort  
Cathar Allen has come to an  
end. We left there last Satur-  
day & come back to Camp Dis-  
tinction (as we call it) & we are  
expecting now to go to our Post  
every day. Last night about 70  
of the 94<sup>th</sup> came here from  
Gettysburg they were  
taken Prisoners there & Paroled  
on the field & the Government  
want't recognise there Paroll so  
they are being sent to the field  
again they Boys dont like it  
very well they think they had  
out to be exchanged first

before they fight any more.  
Recd Paris Lae Geram Edd  
Mures is a mang thine & d  
Boath was taken But he has you  
some. there is a good many from  
the Old 105<sup>th</sup> here. But we are  
expecting to go to the Regt every  
day perhaps with in a week we  
shall go if it is not to day

Will I have no news to write as  
I know of I will write again  
as soon as I get to the Regt  
I can tell that is all the news  
I have got this time

write as soon as you get  
this (as have made sure)

& Direct to Co 99 94<sup>th</sup>  
N. Y. V. Washington D. C.

Sold

Co. I. 94<sup>th</sup> N. Y. V.  
Washington D. C.

Friday 7<sup>th</sup>. We haunst you  
yet. But I think sue shall go to  
day or to morrow. We heard heavy  
Cannonading last night in the direc-  
tion of Manassas I shouldnt wonder  
if there was a fight some where.  
I own a coast Gen. Reed last  
night I have been here since ~~Sun~~  
day & so has he. But I haunst  
helped to find him untill last  
night he looks as though he  
had been pretty sick. But he  
is gaining now I expect him  
down here this morning he stays  
up to the Barracks & was glad to  
see him & we went to meeting  
last night they have meetings  
here 4 times a day. Siram Skals  
Skals Skals is now to with  
the Boys he was taking care  
of the Paetys horse when he  
was taken. Some of the Boys  
asked him why he did not

get onto the lines & Skeddle  
& Kie. says; Good God I didn't  
know a thing a bout it till they  
sees right on to me.

Tom Southwick was wounded  
in the head (the Boss say)

Erast Offkubs has been back to  
~~the~~ the Regt. Seth. is Discharged

George True is Orderly Serjt.

John Baly & J. have been  
reduced to the ranks

Oh. Marnin is in the 5<sup>th</sup> Mass  
Batt<sup>y</sup> All that's all

Adrian

Co. 9. 94.<sup>th</sup> N. Y. S. A.

We are laying now a haul  
50 rods from where we caught  
a year ago the 21<sup>st</sup> of this month  
& the Bridge that some Purntons  
folks have rebuilt a gain & the  
coss are running from Alotanchs  
to the Bridge I can see the Bridge  
from where I sit

Well I guess I have written as  
much as you can read in a week  
so I will quit write soon

& direct Adrian Gray

Co. 9. 94. <sup>th</sup> N. Y. Mil.  
Washington D. C.

I dont believe you can  
read this in five days

write down soon

Rappahannock Station Va,  
August 9<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear Brother,

I havnt had a letter  
from you since the one that had  
that money in. if you have written  
I was how got it. Well, Trace  
I have got back to the Regiment  
a gain I got here last night  
I found a good many of the  
Boys here & some of them  
came from <sup>the</sup> Comditions Camp  
with me they was taken Prisoner  
s at Gettysburg & was Paroled  
on the field. But the Govern-  
ment would not recognize the  
Parall so they was ordered back  
to the front the most of  
my Regt. was taken at the

fight & most of them have  
gone to Richmond, & all of the  
officers that was taken have  
gone except the ~~Captain~~ Cal.  
he is at Annapolis has command  
of the Parole Camp & he is  
trying to get the Regt there too  
to guard the Paroled Prisoners  
& I hope he will succeed we  
will have good times there if he  
gets us there. Every thing is quiet  
here at present our Army is all  
along on this side of the  
River & considerable Cavalry &  
Artillery are a great the River  
The Regt pickets are in a line  
5 or 6 miles up here & a Consider-  
able force at Cullpuffur 15 miles  
from here. I saw Gen Reed at  
the Councils Camp yesterday  
he has been sick but is better  
now. Col. Limman was  
there at the Parole Camp he is  
a Paroled Prisoner taken at

Chainsbroull Henry Ellis was  
killed there they say. I expect  
Charly Fields is a prisoner but  
I dont know I havent heard  
from him since the fight  
But the most of his Regt  
was taken at that fight (at  
Gettysburg I mean) he came  
through the first fight all safe  
We are expecting the Pay masters  
here to day or to morrow to  
Pay us, I dont know whether  
I shall get any or not & was  
not mustered last musters day  
But I guess that wont make  
any difference. Our Regt has been  
consalated & I had a lot of  
our Corp. & Sarge, have been  
reduced to the ranks. I belong to  
Company I. 94<sup>th</sup> N. Y. N. now  
the weather is pretty warm  
here now but I have got so  
used to worse weather I dont  
mind it much

But there is merry news that many there. I don't know where Charles Field is, I have not heard anything about him I presume he is a Prisoner. Our Regt. lost a good many wounded & prisoners after the Battle of Gettysburg. there was only 14 or 15 killed out of the whole Regt. after they were taken Prisoners Col. Root got permission of the Rebs. to take what there was there of the 94<sup>th</sup> & go & take care of our wounded & bury the dead, they worked at two or 3 days. Our Boys got lots of things of the Rebs. Mulligan of my Co. has got over 200 dollars of Reb money, besides others have got a good deal. I would like to know how many there some of the Boys got their pockets full of matches & revolvers & they found some gran Books too. Will I hear from Stanton as much as I can at present write as often as you can. Adrian

Fayette Furman is here he paid me 50 cents for that. But make Rely is not here I don't know where he is.

Erast Whake. is in Georgetown he wants to have the Scout send for him. he is in Prison I suppose I guess he want want to shuddle a gain.

All Date & all the rest of the folks not to be backward about writing.

A  
Adrian F.

Raffa Station

August 13<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear Mother, I got back to the Regt. last Saturday night. We left Alexandria in the morning & got here a little after dark. I found a good many of the Boys left behind to belong to the Old 105<sup>th</sup> more of them than I thought there was. Pect & Wm. Davis, Sam. Hill, & Wm. Chapman, Capt. Childs are all here. Wm. Pyram Steel was sick & he stays here in the Convalescent Camp. The Boss thought that Smithwick was wounded but he was not he came out all right. Capt. Childs was not taken Prisoner as Ed. Booth told you can't believe much that he tells. Alonzo Mosier has been transferred to the 5<sup>th</sup> Maine Battery he has not been seen since the battle. The Boys are all tough & hardy. We have the largest company in the Regt. & the best officers too, I think, Capt. Pugas, & Lieut. Massey, are sick so they are not with us now, but Lieut. Mesler is here with us. Edwin Thompson is acting orderly he is all the Sergt. there is here now. George True is in the Hospital. John Scobin has shuddled. George Williams is a Prisoner & gone to Richmond. Wm. Thompson is discharged. Pect & Malcolm McIntyre are Prisoners & so is Bogus. Wm. Mulligan is here with the Company.

Col. Root is not with us. He is at Annapolis in command  
of the Paroll Camp. The Regt thinks he will get us there to  
guard Paroll Prisoners. (I hope he will), he is a 'top' tuffian  
& looks for the interest of his men, more than any other  
Col. that we ever had. Well Mathis men are encamped  
now within 30 rods of where we were a year ago <sup>the last of this</sup>  
month. & the Rbs men were here for 8 days all  
the time. But I never thought they would have our camp  
here in a year from that time. I think it is warmer this  
summer than it was last. But I stand the warm weather  
first rate. I am as tough as a mule this summer.  
My shoules dont trouble me. But a little not half  
as much as I thought it would. We are expecting  
every day to get our pay. The pay master has paid  
off part of our Brigade. Every thing looks as natural as  
can be around here. I passed our old Camp  
ground at "Clouds Mills" & at "Cattlet Station"  
they all looked as natural as could be only  
there was no tents there. We have got a first rate  
Chaplain now a better one than Bye Russell ever  
was here. He sees to all our needs as regular as the  
day comes, & preaches every chance he can get.  
Old Pacts Chamberlain & Doc Brown are here yet  
But we dont know much use for them this sum-  
mer for there isnt hardly any of our Boys sick.  
Well it is about noon & I shall have to go & Cook  
Some dinner. (Would you like a mess of  
Beans cooked in a quart Cup & if you do call in &

Well I have been to dinner. I hailed my Beans  
untill they were soft & then put them into a spider  
& fried them they were first rate too. We have just  
been drawing rations. We are supposed to have 3 days  
rations on hand all the time. so if an order should  
be come to march we would be all ready to go  
at a moments notice. our division has been a  
cross the river ever since the Cavalry fight untill  
last Saturday then they came back. We have to  
furnish pickets now every day to go across the  
River it will be my business to march to go.  
I belong to the First Brigade, Second Division. First  
Army Corps. if you know what Division & Corps  
I am in you can tell exactly where we are  
by reading the Papers. We had a hard storm of  
rain last night & the wind blew & I had our  
tent down & we were near getting wet. I went  
with Peet & Wm. Davis yet as usual. I had a  
letter from Mate. The other day mailed the 3<sup>d</sup> of Aug.  
But she didnt write much only said that Ed.  
Booth had got home & that was a hint all  
I saw. Dan Reed at the Convalescent Camp & had  
a good long visit with him. He was hoping glad  
to see me & I was thought of seeing him there  
Cock Lemon was over in the Paroll camp. But I  
didnt get a chance to go & see him. There is about  
150 of the 154<sup>th</sup> in the Paroll camp. I should think  
I dont know as there is quite so many as that

summer more & better  
 than we had last  
 & I dont think we shall  
 have much more hard  
 marching to do untill cold  
 weather if we do them  
 there is a good lot of the  
 Army at the Potomac being  
 sent a message to Charlestown  
 & I think the remainder  
 will fall back near  
 Washington & wait untill  
 it is filled up with  
 conscripts & I dont think  
 there will be any fighting  
 unless we are attacked  
 the Peppermasters was here the  
 other day & paid off the Regt  
 But I did not get any license  
 & was not sure to receive it  
 the facts at the Hospital that  
 what you are a certificate  
 when I left there to show that  
 I had been mustered & that Paul  
 I shall get it next Pay day

as I am in the Regt and I want  
 for I own Boston I want  
 of I can give I want  
 the Regt I want  
 Rappahannock Station  
 August 18th 1863

Dear Sister  
 I got your letter  
 the night of the 1st  
 night while I was in  
 & the other came to night  
 that we had been to  
 Father Allen the papers  
 sent I never have  
 I have got some  
 packet I feel some  
 letters but I thought I  
 would be night while I  
 a great opportunity for  
 many March to  
 these wishes to be ready  
 & I want to be ready  
 any time I have been

on Picket for two days  
the man got a very strong  
picket line of Infantry  
a then a hunt a mile or  
was advised by me from a  
Cavalry picket and Cavalry  
Sackets & the Rebs are close  
to get this so they talk to an  
other & are very suspicious  
of each other and of the pickets  
horses got a way & came  
into our line & when the  
Pikery missed him he came  
and looking for him & he  
came near our pickets & he  
shouted (Holla) you know  
your name a strong voice  
and your name (eyes) I'll  
kill you (eyes) me even after  
him & then came back  
again (eyes) for the boys

came out & got his horse  
& then went back again  
then in a light half an  
hour the Capt. of the  
Reb pickets came a long  
talk to our pickets a  
quite a while & complimented  
them very highly  
for being so kind to  
his pickets that is better  
than to be shooting at  
and other all day long and  
thats his picket  
the says the Capt. on a  
picket I should stand it  
in the field you tell  
them went to be a Cavalry  
about one I am tough &  
can stand it as long as  
the Boys can the  
have lot of rations this

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Well mate I have  
had my breakfast & will  
finish this. I'll tell you what  
I had for breakfast

A fried ham & potatoes  
soft bread & coffee with  
milk in it isn't that as  
good as you know?

I don't see any signs of  
moving to day. But I think  
we shall move in a day or  
two

Well that's all  
write soon

A. Gray

Tell Pa & Ma to be  
perfectly at ease & unconcerned  
about me I shall get a  
long R. But I understand  
taking care of No. 1.

Oh I wrote a little bit of  
a lie in my other letter I  
said that Childs was not  
taken Prisoner, but he was  
but none of the Co knew  
it until the other day  
he was in the Ambler  
or Camps so they did not  
hope to see him &  
he never told any one  
until one asked him  
about it. But the Jones  
did not care any thing  
about liking him a way  
for he was taking care

of the wounded & was  
doing them as much good  
as he was us by taking  
care of this wounded  
too. Pat Davis is here  
& got your letter & he  
answered it a long time ago  
Pat is a Corporal & I  
have been reduced on  
the account of the painful  
adoption. But I am in line  
of promotion. But I dont  
give a cent, & had as  
soon be a Private as any  
thing else. Well it is all  
most 9 o'clock & I shall  
have to put my light out  
at half past 9 so I will  
close for to night & I  
finish in the morning if  
I can think of any more

to write & if I cant  
I will send it just as  
it is. I have I dont you  
cant read this but it is  
little writing than  
yours is any way  
Good Night  
A. J. J. J.

prisoners so they run sent into  
the field again. Some of them  
must have & some sent to Rich-  
mond & some are here. But we  
have got a lot & so men now  
for duty & we expect a lot of  
Casscripts in a few days. I wish  
we had a lot of these Casscripts  
down here. We would put them  
in the front & form a strong  
rear guard of Kals behind them  
and we would show them what  
a fine thing a "scat" was. (I mean)  
Aint you think they would  
come to times.

They are falling in for  
Roll call & I shall have to stop  
writing and go and answer to  
my name. and I will finish  
this in the morning if I have  
time before I go on picket.

Good night Dearst.  
Write soon & Adieu

Camp of the 94<sup>th</sup> N. Y. S. Inf.  
Rappahannock Station Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1862

My Dear Sarah

I received your letter  
a week ago yesterday but have  
not had time to answer it. I  
hope you will not think that  
have forgotten you by not  
writing before I was on picket  
three days last week and had  
one days rest and then went  
on Camp guard and came off ye-  
sterday morning and I expect  
to go on picket again to morrow  
Sat. I would like to write  
you a good long letter and let  
you all the particulars. But I have

no time this evening. I don't get  
as much time to write now as  
I did when I was in the Hospital.  
I was very very glad to get your  
letter. but it went a good ways  
around before it got to me.  
it came to the Post, & then to the  
Distribution Camp & from there to  
the Regiment. But your letters  
are all bound to find me. I  
guess there has not one failed  
to reach me. While I don't get  
more than half that my folks  
write me, I can't see the reason  
of that. The home land here  
was since I came to the Regt.  
I got here the 5<sup>th</sup> of Aug. But  
no one can tell how long we  
shall stay here. Late come  
year ago the day our Regt  
left this place after laying here

for three days under the Rebels  
power of the fire of the Rebels  
guns. But little did I think of  
all that has transpired inside of  
that year, as little did I expect  
it. I wonder where I will be a year  
from to day. Will I be here you  
think? I hope not. Late, I was  
really glad to get back to the Co.  
again the Boys was all so glad to  
see me, and asked many questions  
about what was going on at  
home than I could answer in a  
week. they seemed to think that  
I had just come from home.  
There was a good many of our  
Boys taken prisoners at Gettysburg  
but the most of them are with  
no name, they was paroled on the  
field and the Government would  
not recognize them as paroled.

and I say what then does  
there: what then they are  
near their Regts. What will  
Aunt Fanny do if Gee &  
Santford Bath have to go  
it will be tough for her  
I dont think they will have  
to go East Mehules & Barnard  
Southwick are her name  
But Barn thinks he will  
get clear for he was not  
sworn into the M. S. ser  
vice so he cant draw any  
pay any more if he does  
stay until he is sworn  
in. But East Mehules  
is a son of a Bitch he  
has been raising the Devil  
with Mr. Chapman's family  
since he has been at home  
Chapman's wife sent him  
money to come home with  
when he came home the  
last time so Mr. says

your  
sincerely  
your  
three  
love

Camp of the 94<sup>th</sup> Regt. N. Y. S. A.  
Rappahannock Station  
August 30<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear Mother,

I recd. your  
letter last night & one from  
Joe & Lucretia. I was glad to  
hear from them for they told  
me where Chas. was, his Regt  
is in Alexandria now, there  
was some of his Regt. came here  
into our Brigade the other day  
they came to guard some  
manuscripts that was going  
to the 104<sup>th</sup> but none of them  
belonged to his Co. as, name  
him as I could find out

But he is with his Co. & all  
right & I wrote him a letter to  
day. We are staying here at  
the Italian job. I dont know how  
much longer we shall stay  
here. We are having good  
times now we drill & have in  
a day & it comes around so  
that we have to go on  
guard a least once a week  
now, we did have to go on  
after our But we dont have to  
furnish ~~us~~ many guards now  
as we did & we get lots of  
rations a plenty of soft bread  
more than we can eat. I  
have just had a good dinner  
& I had Potatoes & Beets &  
"Sauerkraut" Bread & fresh Beef  
& coffee. I guess Gen. Mead  
thinks he will feed us up  
pretty good now while we  
are lying still. & before

now plus he will have us  
a fighting like Sons of Bitches  
well if he feeds us pretty good  
we can fight all the letters  
now maybe you think I am  
gassing when I tell you I  
had Sauskraut for dinner  
but it is the fact we did  
draw it to day. & hats &  
dried apple every 5 days.  
I think them fellows that are  
drafted had letters come & not  
try to get exempt for I dont  
believe they live half as well  
at home as we are living  
now. There was 5 deserters shot  
yesterday ours in the 5 Corps  
they was fellows that had enlisted  
several times before just to get  
the Bounty & then desert  
But they was not sharp enou  
ugh this time they was shot  
yesterday afters noon

if Mat's girls have  
told us to write a good  
long letter & tell all  
the particulars she can  
think of. if any of you  
are sick let us know

Oh tell me if you know  
where Sal Halladay is

Jan Read is in the 2nd  
Co.

We have got the Spring  
field rifle now & like them  
better than I did the Austen  
rifle.

Our old Glad is  
all cut full of bullet  
holes. Lieut. Madsen is in  
command of Co. 9.

Majors Maffitt commands the  
Regt  
Col. May the Brigadier Genl of  
the 104th Pa Regt

Top

if there is any thing more that  
I have not written tell me  
& I will write it

Rappahannock Station 20<sup>th</sup>  
Aug 31<sup>st</sup> 1863

Chapman found a letter in  
Whelan's knapsack that he  
had wrote to W<sup>m</sup> Wipe &  
had not sent it yet W<sup>m</sup>  
brought it down to the Co.  
& read it to all the Boys  
it was one of the strongest  
est love letters I ever heard  
read. W<sup>m</sup> watched around  
& when Whelan was gone  
after water W<sup>m</sup> went  
into Whelan's knapsack and  
found his Wipe's likeness  
& a shirt that used to  
belong to him when he

was at home ~~W<sup>m</sup>~~ brought  
them down to the tent &  
said he thought he would  
keep them the short news  
just what he wanted the  
sickness he did not care to  
murd about but he did  
not want Whalers to know  
it. So he kept that too.  
When Whals came around &  
found out what Chapman  
had been a lewt he looked  
rather "Green." I dont know  
how it will come out,  
they are both mad at each  
other. W<sup>m</sup> says he shant  
send home any more of  
his wages to support  
Whals with. He has  
sent Whals many ~~to~~  
since he came to the  
Regt. Money that W<sup>m</sup>  
has sent home to sup

his children with Candem  
such a woman, if I was in  
W<sup>m</sup>s place I would shoot  
the 'Skedalling' Whals  
& his too if I could get  
a shaver.  
Oh Ma I sent you  
a letter of a couple of days  
I dont know as you have  
got it yet or not. Stermans &  
Kays pretty good looking, Ben  
he had one & I one, he sent  
his home & so did I  
Well that is all the news  
I can think of this time  
Only see musts to morrow  
for pay & I guess we  
shall get our money by  
the middle of next  
month if we are not  
on the man then  
Write now dont waste so  
long as you did in fore

Rappahannock Station

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Father

I sent a letter yesterday  
to Mary with 10 dollars in  
it I sent it because I did  
not know where I could  
get a chance to send any  
by Express. But I gave  
the Lieut. 100 dollars this  
morning he said he would  
get it expressed for me  
for I am on guard to  
day & could not go to  
the express office. & I did  
not want to keep so much  
money around a great  
while for fear I might  
get relieved of it.

I did not pay the Express  
sing of it. But if you get

get the mancey I sent  
in Marys letter you can  
pay for that

I want you to pay  
it in the place & then  
find out how much  
more it will take to  
pay for it & tell me  
when you write

I want you to write  
& tell me how you are getting  
along

A. Gray

for being so neglectful I will try  
& do better for the future. But you  
will readily see how <sup>inconvenient</sup> ~~inconvenient~~  
it is for me to write same times  
when we have so much to do  
it is different from what it was  
when I was in Philada.

Well Dear it is getting late  
& I shall have to close. please  
excuse this short letter & don't  
think that "Ald." will ever forget  
his Dear Loving, Sadie.

Yours affectionately  
Sadie

Paffabnack Station Va.

Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> 1863

My Dear Sarah, you will think soon  
that I have forgot your name  
& guess I have been so busy in  
answering your letters. But it has  
not been my fault. I would  
have answered it before if I could  
have had the chance. I was un Sick  
when I got your letter a week ago  
yesterday. and we have had so much  
work to do ever since that it has  
been impossible to get any time  
to think of what I wanted to write  
we have been cleaning up & packing  
our camp Ground & we have got  
it all done now & it looks first rate  
too we worked all last week at it  
& now I shouldnt wonder if we

had to leave it before long. This morn  
a lot of cavalry & guffantry crossed the  
river last night & this morning &  
you have orders to be ready to move  
at a moments notice. There has been  
some heavy cannonading since this  
this morning, some 20 or 25 miles  
from here. I guess our boys have found  
some of the "Johnny's" ones there.

Sadie, you must not think that  
I have forgot you, because I did not  
answer your letter as soon as I had  
ought to. you must think I am  
forgetful. it would be impos-  
sible for me to forget you or  
forget to love you. But as you  
say, I am a afraid I think too much  
of you (as have sometimes thought  
you must not think that you are  
the only one that is interested  
in this matter there is an other  
party as strong as yours. Sadie I

would like to write you a good  
long letter & tell you lots, but I  
cant this time. If I could only see  
you I could tell you more than I  
could write in a week. But we  
cant tell so here that will be  
as whether it ever will be so  
but I guess the time will come  
after a while. Sadie, I hope you  
are not afraid of me. I dont get  
mad very easy, if you have heard  
any thing that you want to tell  
me or that you want I should  
know. when you write tell what  
it is you need not be afraid to  
write to me & just what you please  
it will all be right. I have the  
greatest confidence in you & consider  
you as the Dearest Friend I have  
Sadie please write as soon as you  
get this dont wait as long as I have  
if you must pardon me I can

got the money but I  
dont know whether you have  
or not so I will send it  
& be sure & have it safe  
if the money should not come

I cant think of any thing  
more this time "write quick"

A. Fay

P.S. 71 years ago  
the day was the Battle  
of Antietam. I shall remember  
that day a good while

Wander of John Reed  
summarized it &

Deos Calliffus etc

Sept. 17th 1863

Deos Matthews

We have left  
our camp at the Rappahannock  
and are on the main again  
We started yesterday morning  
and came to where we are  
now about two miles from  
Calliffus I suppose we shall  
move again to day or tomorrow  
we dont stay here long, not  
if the Rebels Army is  
a moving and I think it is  
there was a good many traps  
on the road yesterday

Old "Kill Candy" is now  
by and Calliffus he is a

hammering a way at the  
Rebs. as near last night  
we could hear cannonading  
very plain last night. I guess  
the old fellow will kick up  
a fuss with the "Gabeys"  
and we shall have to go  
over there to settle it for  
him. I am well and stand  
the marching first rate better  
than I thought I should  
But it was a rather of a tire  
some job after all. I should  
a knapsack and put saddle  
along through the mud  
I guess it will soon be mud  
for it looks as though it  
was a going to be wet now  
for a day or two.

I am anxious to get  
a letter from home to  
know how Mary is. I

last letter I got near mailed  
the 5<sup>th</sup> I got it the 8<sup>th</sup> it  
don't take a letter but a little  
while to come. I don't see why  
it need be so long ~~that~~  
before I can get a letter from  
any of you. I write 4 letters when  
I get one. (all most)

I sent a letter to Mary  
two others day with to tell  
in it I want to know if  
you have ever got that  
& I sent 100 by express  
I suppose you have got  
that by this time.

I guess I will send the  
receipt that I got home  
in this letter for fear I will  
lose it. I have no place  
to keep any thing such a thing  
with me. But this receipt is  
good for nothing if you have

a dispatch came last night that  
they had commenced fighting & that  
the ~~fight~~ <sup>Victory</sup> was undecided. We  
shall get the particulars probably to-  
day or to morrow.

I am afraid it is going to  
make "Mantoni" restless by  
leaving back he will be  
gunning around from one place  
to another until he will  
want to go into the army after  
a little while. But if he would  
be ~~steady~~ steady & work I think  
he will earn more than he would  
there if he should not have any  
bad luck he might easily earn  
enough between now & spring to  
buy a yoke of steers that would  
be able to do what farming Pa.  
would want to do. I shall have  
to write to him as soon as I  
can get time to & give him some  
advice. Maybe he want thank  
me for it perhaps he thinks he  
knows best. Well this sheet has  
run out I shall him to get an  
other

Camp. between Brandy Station &  
Cullpeper. ("That is all the  
name I know for it!")

Sept 22<sup>d</sup> 1863

Dear Mattie

I received your  
letter last night & am this  
night in far from mate  
I was glad to hear that mate  
is getting better. She must  
be care full & not catch  
a cold & get near again  
"Tell her to mind that." I am  
glad that money went all safe  
I was a little afraid that  
the 10 I sent in that letter  
would not get through. But

I thought I would risk it  
& mate being sick so I thought  
you might need some.  
I thought I would keep a good  
quantity for myself this pay  
day for we may not get any  
more untill after we go into  
winter quarters. & if we shan  
ldnt I should need a considera-  
ble for I want to get me  
a pair of Boots by & dy  
after it gets to be wet &  
muddy weather. "then fall  
in for drill I shall have to  
stop. Drill is over & I will  
try & finish writing now if I  
dont have to fall in for some  
thing else. & we dont get orders  
to march. We have just drawn  
& days rations I guess we are  
going on a "Browns" expedition  
is a "mid march" or something

of that description, although there  
is no mud now. But there may  
be by the time we get orders to  
move & we expect marching orders  
any hour. We have got to have  
a fight with old "Lee" this fall  
we have got only two months more  
to fight in & we must drive  
him out of existence in that  
time or els fight <sup>him</sup> him  
year. our Army is in fine  
condition now & I suppose his  
is but his has been reduced  
some as Longstreet has been  
sent South. I think that if  
we do make an advance on Lee  
that we shall drive him perhaps  
out of Va. or cut his Army up  
so that it want be able to  
fight us again next this fall  
any rate I expect old Passy is  
having a hard battle <sup>before</sup> this time

Well, I have written a long  
letter but nothing interesting after  
all so I want write any more  
now. I want you to write  
if you can get time & tell  
me how you get a long with  
any thing

from Adrian  
To Alexander

Well it has got to be evening  
& raining a little but we have  
got a good tent so I don't think  
we shall get wet any. I was  
down to the Spring after a Ca  
teen of matters a little while  
ago. & I could see the Ribs  
signal fire on the top of  
the mountain just a crack the  
Ribs very plain it isnt over  
3 miles from here. if they have  
got any large Guns on that  
mountain they could shell our  
Camp from there just as easy  
as snuff. they did shell one  
of our forage wagons last  
Sunday that went down near  
the Ribs after corn but I  
guess there was no one hurt  
a lot of our Boys was on  
Pickit down there the other day

& Tom Southwick Ed. Miers  
& W<sup>m</sup> Mulligan went down  
near the River to a garden after  
some Beens. They run close to  
the Red pickets & Mulligan  
hollard out to them & asked  
them if they wanted any  
Yankee Beens. The Red Picket  
aford to be out of urnas &  
says go to hell you Yankee  
son of a Bitch & hollard up  
his gun & shofuel & caps  
at him. But his old gun  
would no go. Mulligan gave  
him a polite invitation to  
kiss his ass & left with  
what Beens he had. Some  
of this Pickets are sociable  
& clean & ather are sans  
equity as Bull dogs & had as  
leas shoot a fellow as rat  
Well Dad, I had much

rather be at home to night  
a Chating with the folks than  
to be where I am. although I  
am contented here. I have learned  
to be satisfied with what  
ever turns up there is no ather  
away. But I tell you I have  
had a much easier time this  
summer than I had last I  
have no reason to complain  
at all. it will be only a bout  
two months more & then our  
will go into winters quarters  
We may see some pretty hard  
times this fall yet am cant  
tell what do you think of our  
Lying here. & Old Mashy out  
ing up his capers in our  
rear taking prisoners & ather  
&c I should think that altho  
he might be aought some way  
& stop his giddens

When this "Crucial War" is over it will make  
a difference in the feelings of some People  
Perhaps. I dont hate Willoughby let your  
read that letter the sent in yours? if  
she did not I wish you could see it what  
a odd thing she is I have to laugh every time  
I think of her. Will Sallie I cant write mu-  
ch more untill I lay down & take a rest  
my head is aching like split We are expect-  
ing orders every hour to move our  
Wagons are all ordered to Contrabands  
(so the report is) if that is true it  
looks "like" as though we should get  
orders pretty soon to Skidaddle back  
for Washington. I hope we are not  
going to have an other Papi Skid-  
addle. I think if we have to fall back  
it will be a "Speed" - Skidaddle. But I dont  
want to see either. you wanted to know  
in your other letter if I was a M<sup>o</sup> man  
I am not as much of a M<sup>o</sup> as I used  
to be. you remember I was a strong  
one when I was at home but now  
I have got smart over that name. Add

Camp of the 74<sup>th</sup>

near the Rapidan River Va.

Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> 1863

My Dearest Sarah

I recd. your letter last night  
but I was so sick that I could not read  
but a little of it untill this morning  
I have got a terrible head cold & have  
had the head ache for two days so that I  
have not done any duty at all I am excused  
from duty to day. So I have a plenty of time  
to write to you although my head aches  
pretty bad & dont feel much as though  
I could write. I expect I shall make more  
than a hundred mistakes & blunders. But  
you must ever look them. for really I  
feel as though I had got a Pimpkin on my

Shouldas in the stead of a head "perhaps  
you will say I have" to say I was glad  
to get your letter would not half express the  
feelings I had in once more hearing from  
my dear Sabin. I wonder if Sabin is ever as glad to  
get a letter from me as I am to get one from  
her. if you are I don't wonder that you want  
me to answer yours soon. did you think that  
I had got out of Patience with you because I  
did not answer your letter sooner? that was not  
the reason. Dearest, I answered it as soon as I  
could conveniently, I did not think of being  
out of patience with you nor did I think  
your letter was a bit silly (as you call it)  
When you write I want you to write <sup>just</sup>  
as you think & feel. & I will do the same  
Do you really wish it was me that was coming  
home insted of Nelson? don't you wish that  
he could come home. & me too? would  
that not be a better wish? I am glad  
that Nelson can have the privilege of

going home to see his Friends once more  
But the idea that Orville has got I could  
not fancy very well. & I think too that  
Sabin would not fancy such an idea  
very much either. But there is some that it  
would please greatly "for instance" Orville  
& Hester & Mr Rusts People too  
But your folks Sarah will come around all  
right in due time you need not be alar-  
med about them. I believe what Agg  
said is true. & they will believe it after  
a little if they don't now. of course they  
would not do as say any thing but what  
they thought it would be for your benefit  
but after all folks can not all ways tell  
what is for the best. I have no hard  
feelings to wards your folks in the least  
I always thought a good deal of your folks  
& shall unless of something of more impor-  
tance transpire than thus present feelings  
to wards me. after all I don't think they hate  
me

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Monday Morning

My own Sister

I will try and finish  
this letter this morning. We had to  
pack up & move yesterday as I would  
have finished it yesterday. We did not  
skedaddle either as the report was that we  
was a going to. We moved down near  
er the River. I should not wonder if  
we moved again to day I dont know  
whether they intend to cross the river &  
not what we cant go much further  
this way without crossing. Sarah I  
cant write but a little to day for I  
am so sick my head aches terribly  
to day & I fall awful weak my  
hand tremble so I dont believe you  
can read this. I was not able to  
walk yesterday & carry my knapsack

so I rode down here in a Ambulance  
if we have to march to day I dont  
think I shall walk for I dont feel well  
by a little. if we had not marched  
yesterday I would have finished this  
& wrote you as good a letter as I could but  
to day I cant write as I cant  
think of what I want to write  
so you must excuse me until I  
get better. I just recd a letter from  
Mary Kay this morning

Well my Dear I shall have to close  
please dont think this out short  
for I think here is as much if not  
more than you ever read or feel  
write to me soon with you. Dear for  
you dont know how glad I am to get  
a letter from Sadie

I am yours ever true & loving old

Sadie

myself  
any more of my own  
contained a hand sheet  
because I am a little sick  
I shall have ears as good as  
can be had here & that  
will be good enough while  
I am here. if I was at  
home & could get no better  
ears I would think it news  
good. But any thing is good  
enough in the Army.  
I have not patience to mention  
yet for I have not felt well  
enough to write any more  
than there was express  
need of. I will write to  
him when I get time &  
feel like writing. But tell  
him it is his turn to write  
first. "I wrote him last"  
All this sheet is running  
out I will have to stop  
at get an other. (next time  
you write write so a soldier  
can read it. <sup>it will be our could not</sup> read your last

or my own was not  
Camp of the 94th  
Oct. 1st 168  
Dear Sisters  
I read your  
letter day before yesterday  
~~the same day we got~~  
here. We have now  
ed. I as 4 times since  
I wrote you last & some  
one we saw when we  
could maintain some  
if the Rays say we  
are in a mild of them.  
But I don't know I have not  
heard of of camp since we  
came here I have been  
sick for a week a week  
so that I have done no  
duty & when we marched  
I was obliged to ride. I am  
a little better this morning

than I have been for several  
days, the trouble is I have  
had a hard cold on my  
lungs, & in my head too  
& I have had no appetite  
to eat any thing so taking  
all in consideration I have had  
a pretty hard time & have  
got pretty weak. But I eat  
a good Breakfast this morn-  
ing & feel stronger, as  
soon as this cold wears  
off I shall be all right  
& go on if I don't get the  
"Danish quick" I think your  
made of our would not  
work here, in the first place  
we have no stoves here to  
sit by, & the second we  
don't lay in any place  
& dogs so we should not  
have time to try the method

hanging the Desion at home  
& hanging it here is too dif-  
ficult things. I have no doubt  
but what John Galtrey thinks  
he has had it. But he never  
has had the first "smell" of  
it as sure how it here.  
We are camped right in the  
wards I haven't seen nothing  
but wards for three or four  
days now I don't know as  
I want to I hope we shall  
leave this place until I get  
a little better. But if we have  
to march any great distance  
I guess they will send me to  
Washington or some place  
for they won't want to  
draw me around in the  
ambulance none of our  
have to march for.  
All you need not get



day they keep giving us rations  
us every day so that they keep  
the 8 days good yet. I think  
they are expecting a long hard  
Battle here as els a Skedaddle  
back for Washington. for I  
dout see why they should have  
us keep 8 days rations on  
hand while the trains are  
all kids & the cars running up  
here every day. there is something  
up that is sure. "I guess a rather Skedaddle  
for Washington" Well I have forgot  
to tell you how I am, "I am sick  
I have got a terrible cold I got  
excused from duty to day by the  
doctor. I dont know how I could  
get such a cold I am all Bumped  
up We have very cold nights  
sure now I think it is colder  
now than it was last year at  
this time I have got a good

blanket & the same Overcoat  
I have got all the clothing I need  
But here is where the laugh  
comes in, I have got 8 days  
 grub & no appetite to eat it  
I haunt eaten any of Much Sam's  
rations in 3 or 4 days what little  
I have eat I have bought of the  
sutlers. I guess I shall get  
over this cold in a day or two  
now then I'll make the hood  
tack super again. Well mate my  
head is too much Bumped up for  
me to think of much to write this  
time so if it is not right except the  
mistakes "cause my head-<sup>aches</sup> ~~aches~~ <sup>aches</sup>

write soon will you

We are about 3 miles from  
raccoon ford

Well good after noon mally  
write quick

(OCT. 1, 1863)

Wall Mater I have Picked up  
an other piece of paper so I guess  
I will write a little more of it  
can think of any thing to tell  
you as you say if I could see  
you I could find enough to talk  
a heart I am hopefull that I may  
see you all in 3 or 4 months then  
I will tell you lots of Big stories  
& many they will be true too  
I am sorry that Pa & ma worries a heart  
me there is no use of that, I am just as  
well off when they dont worry as when  
they do & they are a great deal better  
off when they dont worry than when  
they do I shall come out all right and  
if I dont (as one of the Bucktals said the  
other day when the Ducktis was taking a  
Ball out of his life) says he it is  
hard but what in the Devil are I here  
for) we come here to die if need full

I think we shall stay where we are untill  
it is time for us to ~~go~~ into  
winters quarters so I dont think we shall  
fight any more this fall But we cant  
tell we may have to march in a day or  
two & then have a snug battle we cant tell  
any thing a heart it only what we think

Can't write any more this time  
so good Bye  
write soon  
& tell all the rest to write

Adrian  
Joy

home Pa & me would have a  
home & if I should come home  
with a head as a head of them  
I would have one & if  
I should come home all same  
we could divide it up some  
way so we could all get  
our share well I hope write  
all I can this time more than  
you can read so I will  
close good bye write soon  
Adrian

Dear Mother  
I will do like with him  
I know the about like &  
Adrian  
Camp of the 94<sup>th</sup> N. Y. S. O.  
near Reds mountain N. C.  
October 2<sup>d</sup> 1863  
Dear Mother

Mother said you  
wanted me to write to you  
& direct to Clara I think I  
wrote you last while you  
was at Caeks but that made  
no odds I will write a gain  
The how been making aram  
nd & have got near Red  
mountain where our Regt first  
met the Rebs. We have  
been laying around here for  
two weeks but not in an  
Camp We have changed Camp  
4 or 5 times since we come  
here. I dont know where

we shall put to rest.  
You can tell me & that is  
all. I have been sick for  
a half a week so I have  
done no duty I have had  
a hard cold & was a little  
a fever I should have  
a fever but I can better now  
& guess I will get over it  
after a little. I had a letter  
from Lucretia Field she writes  
that Grandmother Bennett was  
died over father's have  
not written any thing a  
week it yet. She died a  
week ago to day. I sup-  
pose you know all a half a  
long before this time.

I was a going to write you  
a long letter a half your  
leaving back. do you think  
you can do any better than

you was doing there? or what  
do you think? I will tell  
you what I think a least it  
if you have no objections  
I think if you will be  
steady, & work faithfully  
& not be too free with  
your money that you will  
do better than you would  
there. But if not that was  
the best place for you.  
Mather said you was a  
going to try & earn enough  
to get a yoke of cattle by  
an other spring & let Pa  
have them (to work &  
suppose) I think you would  
do it if you tried.  
I mean to send them my  
money as fast as I get it  
& try & pray for that Place  
than if I was should come



to day. it looks strange to see Sackie  
a way down here in the land of Dixey.  
I tried to talk with her this morning  
but she did not appear to be  
inclined to say much. but looked  
just as though she would like to  
say something if she could. if  
she was not Dumb, Dumb, Dumb.  
Sackie I did not half answer your  
letter. before I got it half over  
we had to pull up & move &  
then the next day I was so sick  
that I don't believe I knew what  
I was writing. I was very sick  
for a hour a week & never was  
so hard up in all my life I had  
such a cold that my head ears &  
eyes was swollen so that I could  
neither see nor hear a word  
but I am a bit well now I feel  
just as well as I ever did but  
the Doctor want let me do

any duty yet he says I am  
not strong enough yet I am well  
my he should think so. for I had  
got as lame as have a fly spell  
for a while as yet. Wm. H. H. H.  
Sams H. H. H. Most all of the boys  
have gone out on Picket down near  
Rosoon ford they went a way  
last night & went come back  
until to morning night. I wish  
I had been well enough to  
have gone with them. they are  
lost to the Cahneys & they talk  
& chat with them every day. they  
hardly ever fire at each other only  
once in a while when they see  
an Officer coming a round. then  
they will pick him up they can  
I hardly know what to write  
that will be interesting to you  
there is no news here at all nothing  
going on but the camp duties

got exempt on the account  
of his mother if nothing more  
Barn Southwick is very  
sick he has been sick a long  
time I wouldn't wonder if  
they took him to the  
D. Hospital this  
morning  
I can't write any  
more this time for I must  
go to myself some sup-  
per may be I will write  
more after supper.

Adrian

Oh there has never any one  
of your wrote what was  
don with the money I sent  
home I suppose you paid  
it all the place.

Camp of the 94<sup>th</sup>  
near the  
October

Dear Father

I will  
write  
to you a few lines  
I suppose you are  
glad to hear from me as I  
am to hear from home.  
I have been sick for a least  
two weeks so that I have  
don no duty of any kind  
now. But I am getting better  
now I think I shall be able  
for duty again in a day or  
two. We are encamped near  
the mouth of Cedar river

A right in that bend is a  
large mountain & the Rebels have  
got that mountain fortified  
in a very strong. we can  
see plain from our  
with a glass. our  
& the Rebels are not  
a road a part in  
so. places. But the River  
is between them. I don't see  
what we are laying here for  
our news can drive them off  
of that hill by attacking them  
in front. if we should it  
would be like Fredericksburg  
they are so strongly fortified  
but I suppose they know their  
own down business I don't  
& I don't know what the  
to.

the teams have to come up  
every two days & bring us rati-  
ons. the 8 days has bid  
out & we draw  
days now. I think it will  
be a snow before. But  
I guess it will be in  
winter. I don't think  
fight there here. I got a  
letter from Mary last night  
she said Grandma Clement  
was dead. I think <sup>mate</sup> she was  
mighty slow a heart wanting  
to see a heart it. I had heard  
of his death a heart a week  
ago so her letter was too  
late to tell the news.  
I think it is near that Sant  
of the Road has got to go to  
is

Carrier Hospital 103  
Washington D.C. Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>

Dear Mother

I will write you  
a few lines this evening to let  
you know of my to where I locate  
We got orders last Friday night  
to draw eight days rations & get  
ready to march & all of the  
sick & those that was not able  
to walk & carry their load, was  
ordered to go to the Division  
Hospital. that was back near  
Cullpepper. So I got a load of  
the Ambulance this morning of the  
9<sup>th</sup> & went to Division Hospital  
we got there just at night  
& had gone to bed & was sleep<sup>ing</sup>

good & sound when arrives  
come for us to pick up & go to  
Cullpeper & take the cars for  
Washington. We took the cars  
about 10 o'clock & got here about  
9 o'clock last evening. I am  
not very sick though I am not  
very well. This is a first rate  
Hospital & they take good care of  
the sick. I think I shall be  
all right in a week as ~~two~~  
Coast French is here & I have  
had a good long shot with him  
to day. I am in Ward 20 & he  
is in 27 so we have a good view  
one to see each other often.  
Coast says "hank" Kelley is  
only a least 40 rods from here  
at an other Hospital but  
we have to get a pass to go  
there & I have not had a chance  
yet to get a pass to go

& see him. you may  
think because I have been  
sent to the Hospital that I am  
very sick. But I am not I am  
never very sick for a least a week  
ok & I feel a way all to nothing  
I pass as pass as Pat's all out  
But I have gained up a little  
they feed us first rate here  
& my appetite is good so I  
will recruit up again in  
a week or two so I will be  
be better than ever.

Well there is nothing  
more to write this time as  
I can think of so I will  
close for it is a least bed  
time. write soon if

Don't write  
I years  
before you  
write for  
I may not  
stay here  
So long as  
that  
Dint  
Adrian Fay  
Carrs Hospital  
Washington D.C.

may as well send up a quint  
& write to you to send me some  
stamps. But if you have not  
sent them you will not know  
how I can get a plenty here  
& I expect you have sent them  
to the regt. before this time. if  
you have I wish I will get them.  
I wrote to Peet to send my  
letters here. Well I will quit

Erast sends his love to you  
& wants you to write to him  
write if you know where  
Halladay is. he & have George  
& Clark Peeters gets a long  
I heard that Clark could not  
keep from getting "Drunk" how  
is it that so? Write me all  
the news how you are all getting  
a long & every thing.

from  
to Mother Adrien

P.O.  
Carver Hospital, Washington  
October 18<sup>th</sup> 1863.  
Dear Sister Mat

I will write you  
a few lines to day, as I have nothing else  
to do to kill time. it being Sunday  
& there is hardly any thing going  
on & it makes Sunday appear to be  
the longest day in the week.  
We hardly ever have any Sundays  
cut in the front. Every day is so  
near a like that we can not tell  
the difference. and it seems odd  
enough to get here a many in  
evangelization missionaries as when folks pretend  
to keep the Sabbath. I have just  
been up to the Ward where Grand  
Stays he was laying on his bed  
reading a book. I sit down & talked

I was thinking of something  
else all the while he was  
talking. Dear Sarah I have  
not had a word from you since I started to come  
here & a week ago to night  
I was enjoying my self good

Sarah you must excuse me  
for writing such a poor  
letter & with a pencil too  
if you can read it you will  
will do well I will write  
again in a short time & I  
will try & do better next  
time write as soon as you  
get this with you Darling  
I want to hear from you soon  
very truly yours Adrian

M. S. Hospital  
Danids Island  
New York Harbor  
My own own Darling

I am a thorned of this  
M. S. Hospital  
a little & in such a  
hurry too I don't know you  
can read it - if you can't  
I will write it for you

Danids Island Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>

Dear Sarah

I will write you a short  
letter to day and if I stay here I  
will write you a good long letter  
& tell you all the news. I don't  
expect we shall stay here any longer  
than this week. But I hope I shall  
stay long enough to get a letter  
from you. He got to the City  
yesterday about 11 o'clock had a very  
good time coming it did not seem  
half so long to come here as  
it did to go from his home.  
He took the Boat at noon yesterday  
& got up here to this Danids Island

a lant & a clock in the afters noon  
it is such a terrible lamsam place  
here one day seems longer than a  
week did in that awful place Shiri  
town. I wish I was there to day  
Grant & Hank on writing. But I do not  
know who they are writing to

Oh Sadio if you could have seen  
the many tears that were shed  
for Grant & Henry when they got  
a board the Carr. but more for Add  
Cynthia Cryed & Mira Cryed & Mary Cryed  
Kati Cryed & Phely Cryed & Susa  
Cryed & Phoney Cryed & all cryed  
because Grant & Henry was  
going away. But not one of  
them said as much as good bye  
to me. But I guess I shall stand  
it and live just as long as I sha  
uld if they had shed a Pail full  
of tears for me. dont you think  
I shall? Sadio

Sadio I was mad as I could  
be that day I come away at  
something. Father said I know  
you and all that was in the  
room noticed it they could  
not help it. But he did not  
<sup>think</sup> of saying any thing wrong when  
he spoke it was a blundering  
mistake of his I hope you do  
not think he ment. to say any  
such a thing on purpose. But I  
was so mad I did not know  
what to do with my self.

I guess. It thought I was  
not very sensible. While me  
was going down to the Mine  
she kept talking to me all  
the way untill me got to  
the corner of the road when  
she got out I dont know  
what she answered half the  
questions she asked as not



to some am. he says he is  
writing to that. Fey may be  
he is. & Great has just  
lit his Pipe & gone out to  
smoke. for they want allow  
smoking in the Woods so  
the Pass Key is obliged to  
go out doors & stand in  
the cold wind & take his  
comfort all a lone to himself  
Great will leave us in a day  
or two & go to his Regt  
the Packet reported him for  
duty yesterday. I dont know  
when he will think I am  
fit for duty. Perhaps before  
many days I hope so any way  
for I do not want to stay  
here a great while. it is  
so awful lonesome here &  
had as leave be in Stone  
town - I think so here

Great just came in & has  
been gathering Frank & me  
so that we could not write  
I just gave him a penny and  
told him to go down to the  
Butcher & buy him a stick of  
Candy he took it & has gone  
& I hope he want come for  
a gain until we are done  
writing. I dont believe I can  
think of any thing to write  
that will be interesting to you  
But I am so anxious to get  
a letter from you that I can  
hardly wait I am in hope  
of getting one this week. do you  
think I will get one Darling?  
Dear Lady I think of you more  
than 10000 times a day I wish  
I could see you this afternoon  
But I am afraid it will be  
a great while before I can see

Jacobs Island

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Dear Mother

I suppose you would  
like to know if Add got  
through all right I can  
tell you he did see got to  
the City about 11 o'clock  
Saturday morning the Boat  
lay at the Dock all ready  
to start so we got a launch  
with out any trouble & got  
on about 3 in the after  
noon I do not think I  
shall stay here long but  
then I cant tell have seen  
I may leave Paris &

M. S. Gen. H.  
Direct to Davids Island  
New York that

it rains here to day

That's all

Adrian

W M

Taylor and George have been

It is splendid weather now - warm and  
smoky. I went up to Test's tonight and  
can hardly bear to stay in the house <sup>since I got back,</sup> it  
is such beautiful moonlight. I have  
thought of you but once since you left  
and that once means all the while  
Add I wish I could tell you how much  
I love you and how my very life is bound  
up in yours. I hope you will take good  
care of yourself and (if you ever do come  
back) come back as pure and true as  
when you left. I have thought a great  
deal about what you told me about  
Crastus I cannot keep it out of my  
mind. It has just come in and is  
talking to me so I've forgot what sensi-  
-ble thing I was going to write. Please  
write soon to me will you for Add I  
wish to hear from you very often. Accept  
a dozen kisses from

Your own Sarah

This is a silly letter but I told you I was going  
to write just as I felt and and you said I might  
do so

Home Nov 19<sup>th</sup> - /65

My own Adrian:

I received your letter  
last night and I can't tell you half  
how glad I was to get it. It seems as  
though you had been gone six months  
instead of only one week. I should have  
answered your letter last night but I  
was very tired. I came from K's about  
yesterday morning and was busy all  
day then went over to meeting in the  
evening so you see I did not feel much  
like writing after I got home. I walked  
down to K's Tuesday night with Minnie  
I was foolish to go but I thought I  
should get a letter from you if I  
waited till morning. I did not get

any thing so I walked down there for  
nothing - It does not seem possible that  
you were here a week ago tonight - Darling  
Then I could talk to you now I have  
to write and I can't write as I want to  
either - I have thought of more than a  
thousand things I wished to tell you  
since you went away but if we both live  
I will have a chance to tell you after  
"this cruel war is over" Oh Auld how I wish  
you could just slip in and see me  
tonight - I guess there is no surprise party  
tonight so Sue would not have to come  
and ask if "Sarah and Adrian were at  
home" - I am awful glad we did not  
go to that party for Calkins' folks did  
not fancy it at all and I am sure  
I enjoyed myself much better with you  
than the others did down there - All the  
Harvey tribe were at meeting but not  
one of them spoke to me last night -  
I managed to live through it and  
guess I shall survive if they never speak

forgot to often the frogs yesterday but says next time he will remember and then I'll  
bring words in to tell her that he  
to me again - Don't you wish I had  
gone with you to the River so you could  
have had some tears shed for you when  
you went away? I guess I don't think as  
much of you as Thine and Sue do of their  
Soldiers - It was a long, lonesome, dreary, sad,  
afternoon to me last Friday - Then you  
think no one cried because you went away  
Well I don't believe in telling stories about  
my neighbors or I would tell you how Saelie  
cried that night after you went until  
she could scarcely see - foolish want-it?  
but Darling it did seem as though I could  
never let you go back - I don't feel so now  
for I know it must be so and I try to make  
the best of it - That is the way to do isn't  
it? - I remember what your Father said  
that morning but I did not think he  
meant anything - I never should have  
thought of it again - I don't think  
any of the rest noticed it but you and  
I - Perhaps you are too sensitive about  
any such thing Don't you think you are?

myself think it was not so.  
 I kept looking on the bright  
 side all the while - that is the  
 best way is it not? Porling  
 I know you hated to have me go  
 but then it must be so.  
 you know that a man while  
 clad in M.S. Uniform must go  
 according to M.S. regulations  
 and not according to his own  
 that is. if he is sworn to do  
 so. as I am. Sicut I shall ever  
 remember the promise I made  
 you. that if I ever do come back  
 again. I will come back as pure from  
 vice as I am now. And from myself  
 ever true to you. I had a long chat  
 with Erasmus I dont believe he  
 will do as he has done any more  
 I think he is sorry for what  
 he has done - already. Sicut I said  
 for your life. tell what I told  
 you for fear his father may hear  
 of it. I would not have them  
 know it for nothing

I have a good & a thick. Right  
 from to clear for it is known  
 little. But I shall  
 when in out much of a  
 many good wishes and love

Davids Island Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> 1868  
 My Dear Sarah  
 I was so glad this  
 morning when the mail came  
 that I could hardly wait for it  
 to be overhauled. I was in such  
 a hurry to get a little from  
 you for I knew there was an  
 other for me. I was looking for  
 an Saturday - but was obliged to  
 wait till this morning for the  
 mail does not come here as yet  
 from here on Sunday. they are  
 more particular here than in most  
 of places about doing any kind  
 of business on Sunday. I dont  
 think it need to make any differ-  
 ence among soldiers

Last week was the longest week  
I ever experienced I do believe it  
seemed as though the week never  
would pass a way - and the time  
seems would come when I should  
let get a letter from Sadie.

I tried almost every Passable way  
to kill the time - I would read till  
I would get tired - then I would  
write to some one - then Henry  
and I would walk a boat the  
Island (going a Casting as we  
called it) till we was tired  
of that - and so we managed  
to pass a way the long hours.  
And they are gone - and I have  
read your letter - and read it  
with all the eagerness that a  
Soldier - will on receiving a  
letter from one he loves & desires.  
And now I am trying to answer  
it - I hope you will excuse all

the hurried mistakes I am making  
for it is impossible for me to  
write without making more mis-  
takes than a little - Sadie - I have  
thought of a great many things  
that I wanted to tell you - that  
I could not think of when I was  
there. But as you say if ever  
both live - the time will come  
when I can tell you all. And I  
hope that we shall not be obliged  
to part again ever while we live.  
I did hate to leave you Sadie -  
it seemed as though I  
could not come a way and  
leave you - But I knew that  
I must go and therefore tried  
to make every thing look as  
bright as I could. I thought  
it seemed harder for me to  
come a way than it ever did  
before - though I tried to make

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not had the luck to find  
any so good looking ones.

Well I guess I have written  
a leaf enough this time you  
cant read half of this I dont  
believe. Dear me. I wish I  
could see you & cant think  
of any thing to write you  
this evening. Please write to  
a Pass Master as often as  
you can and I will write  
as often as I can. Give my  
love to Sadie. Will you  
and tell her I love her as the  
only. Dearest of all on earth  
for she is that to me.

Now I must stop writing for  
it is getting late. But I am not  
sleepy though I could easily sit  
up till 5 o'clock if I was with  
you Dearest. Except a Daze  
fusses from your Adrian  
Hoven Will you Darling and may  
we meet a year.

Tuesday Evening  
Sadie. I cannot  
a letter last night but I  
neglected putting it into the  
office so it did not go out  
to day. And as it will not  
go out until tomorrow I  
thought I would make a  
little addition to it this ev-  
ing and send it all along  
to gether. The days do not seem  
to be so long now as they did  
last week I am getting so  
that I like the place here a  
great deal better than I did.  
We have pretty good times here  
a great deal better than I did  
and we would have when  
we first came here. They  
have got a library here where  
we can go and get a Book  
any time. We meant to

Then I have got thro' about  
turned in side out - just say  
my luck. But never mind it  
is all in the three years (as the  
Boys say). Well I wish I could  
just step in and see you to  
night. Would you like company  
this evening? you would  
like to go to a supper  
Party to night. Wouldnt you  
will you go if I will?

I am glad we did not go that  
night for I know that I  
engaged my self a great  
deal better with you than I  
could possibly if I had gone  
down there. Not withstanding  
I lost so much sleep by  
the means. But I soon got  
over that. And I would not  
mind losing two or three  
nights sleep this week  
if I could be where I would  
like to be

of all going in next  
time. The first next time

I suppose your school comes  
next Monday. How I wish I  
was a - then I was a going to  
say Schaalmarm - I dont mean  
that. But a school Practis so  
I could be teaching school  
rather than be here waiting to  
get well enough to go to the  
Grant again. I hope you will  
have good luck this winter with  
your school and not have any  
great ugly hateful scholars to  
put a long with. I told Et.  
that I would send her some  
shells when I got back here  
to put in a breath. But I have  
not found any very good  
ones yet there is not so  
good shells to be found here  
as I found on Pedlowes I  
lost spring or else I have

David's Island

Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> 1846

Dear Mother

I received your  
letter yesterday morning was  
glad to hear from home again  
I did not expect when I wrote  
to you before that I should  
stay here so long as I have  
but I have stay here this  
long and I do not know  
how much longer I shall  
stay I shant go until they  
get ready to send me.  
My health is quite good

now I think I am as fit  
to go to the Regt as I am  
shall be I told the Judge  
so the other day. But he  
said wait a few days longer  
so I think I shall wait  
till he gets ready to send me  
a way Grant has gone I  
got a letter from him to  
day he is at Bedlow Island.  
But will be sent to Washing  
an on before a great while  
if he has not gone already  
Henry is here yet we shall  
keep to gather as long as  
we can. Will I have no  
news to write this time  
hoping to hear from you all  
soon I am as ever yours  
affectionately. Sam

Adrian

David's Island Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> 1865

Dear sister Mat

I received your letter this morning though short as it was. I was very glad to get it. And I will try and answer it this aft. noon. I was expecting to go away this morning. I have been expected for duty. But for some unknown reason I have not gone as I expected to day. I may go in a day or two & may not go in a week you can direct your letters here as you have done before. Only dont put on the Ms. please dont any more. I dont like to be called that name.

I am glad if you have had the  
luck to get rid of that. Sheppard  
for I do hate any thing that has  
any thing to do with a Army or  
any of the tribe. Give them  
no reason to talk a haunt  
you and let them a lone is the  
best way to get a long with  
them. I dont think Grant says  
any thing about any of them  
But he is so easily flattered  
any one can do with him as  
they please. But he is a pretty  
good sort of a Boy I like  
him a great deal better than I  
used to

I wish Mantrass would  
write. But then I dont know  
when I shall be in 3 days from  
now. So if he should write  
it would be hard telling  
whether I would ever get his  
letter or not I shall learn here

in a few days I think for  
they are a going to ~~clear~~  
Clear off the Island as fast  
as they can. I understand  
they was a going to have a  
lot of Relis here again in  
a short time if they do not  
shall go to some other place  
soon. We cant get to the  
Front soon untill after the  
Army stops marching  
and that want be untill  
Smead has taken Richmond  
The Army of the Potomac  
will winter if they winter at  
all, on the Parincila

Hell I cant write any  
more this time. Write soon  
and tell me all the news

A. A.

for us to report to a great  
pile of Paul Boards and take  
them up to the upper ~~part~~  
end of the Island and pile  
them up a gain. Such has been  
my employment since Monday  
But you may be sure none of  
us worked hard enough to  
hurt our sales. I know I did  
not. Well I despair! I have  
written a long mess of stuff  
that I know can't be of any  
interest to you. as any one else  
so I will try and think of some  
thing ~~else~~ else if I can.

I have made an awful game  
of this. I guess I had better  
lay this one side and wait  
until morning and see if  
I can think of something of  
more importance than Coal  
Piles and Boards. & the like  
So with our sweet kiss and I  
am gone. Good night. Sadie  
Add

David's Island Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1853  
My Darling Sadie

I received  
your letter. Thanks giving do  
and was as glad as could  
be to hear from you again  
beside being thankful. We  
had a grand time here on  
the Island that day. had  
lots of roast Turkey. But your  
letter was worth more to me  
than all the rest. I mailed  
a letter to you the day before  
I got yours. and I was expect-  
ing an answer from you again  
that day. But I have not seen  
any yet. I neglected answering

your last letter for the  
reason that I was expecting  
to go away. I was reported  
for duty the 28<sup>th</sup> of November  
and so was Hook. We have  
been expecting to go away  
every day since. But have  
not gone yet. and no one  
knows when we shall. We  
may go to Macrae. And may  
not go in three weeks. I  
shall write any way. I need  
write any longer for I know  
you like to hear from me  
often. though I suppose I write  
a great many simple silly  
things that you don't care a  
cant reading. But you say  
you shall write what you  
please to me. And I can't  
help myself. So if you take  
that liberty, <sup>though I can say that</sup> you must not  
complain if I. Dito. Will you?

I suppose you commenced your  
pedagogical labors (as you say)  
last Monday. I should like to  
know how you like it. I have  
thought of you ever so many  
times since Monday. sometimes  
I have thought I could <sup>almost</sup> see  
you looking awful cross at  
some ugly little g or other. But  
may be I did not see right.  
I will tell you what I have  
been doing since Monday.  
There was a lot of us that  
was reported for duty. ordered  
to report at head quarters  
at 9 o'clock then they gave  
each man a shovel. And  
the next order was to report  
to a great Coal Pile and commence  
shoveling it into Bags.  
And when we had our shovels  
and taken the pile of Coal  
there come an other order

any thing half as partial as I have - you need not  
ask my forgiveness of me. for you never have  
said or done any thing to require it. But if you  
do ask it I can readily forgive you. though I can't  
tell what crime you have done. I have thought of  
you this week ears and eyes so many times I  
shall be so glad when I get an other letter from you  
to know how you like your school and how you  
enjoy your self. I would give any thing if I could  
see you to day. But there is no use of talking. I can't  
see you a gain very soon in all probability. But the  
time is coming. Darling. one year will wear a way  
after a while. Then Uncle Sam will have to work  
hard if he gets me into his service a gain.  
I haven't received any letter from Annia yet I shall  
think after a little she is only fooling when she  
says she is going to write to me. Do you think  
she told "Brue" any thing. I don't care if she did  
if you don't. Only I would like to know what  
he would say. Well Dear it is almost supper  
time and I shall have to quit writing until this  
evening. if I can think of any thing of any importan  
ce to write then I will finish this. for I have  
only written but a little this time and this is a very  
small sheet of paper. you see don't you.  
yours truly Adriaen

David's Island Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> / 63

My Darling Sarah

I will try this after noon  
and answer your letter and write you the news  
as I agreed to do. But I don't know what news  
I can tell you for there is none here. Only that the  
prospects are favorable for me to get a way from  
this place this week. that is the best news I know  
of. and that is good news too. for I have got  
so tired of this "pecky Island" I shall be glad  
when I get back to the Regt. a gain. We were all  
examined yesterday and Henry and I was reported  
fit subjects for the front. and I wish I was  
there for I dread the journey of going there for  
it will take us four days to go from Bedlam's Is.  
to Washington and on a transport at that.  
Henry got a letter from Rest yesterday he is in  
the Carnaleant Camp at Alandrin he don't  
like it there at all. he says he wants to get

got a way from there. I hope I shant have to stay  
there long. It is a fine pleasant day to day  
the sun shines and it looks warm and pleasant  
out doors. But there is an awful cold wind. I  
went to Church this morning for the first time  
since I came back. but I all most "froze" my ears  
off though if they have as cold weather down in  
Virginia as it is here I dont know what the poor  
Hospital Boys will do. We shall surely freeze to  
death. Oh Hank told me all a heart his not  
going home with Angelina he said it was  
not altogether an "Physis" account that he did  
not go. he said the whole Family wanted him  
to stay there and let "Georgi" go home with her.  
finally he thought it best to let them have their own  
way. he has had several letters from them since  
he came here and he has written quite a number  
to her I dont know how many. he sent me  
yesterday. I dont believe that "Erastus" and "Su" were  
married while he was at home. I dont believe they  
would think of such a foolish thing. if they  
could not wait till he is out of the Army they  
are poor "Creatures" dont you think so? Oh Dear Sadi  
how I wish I could see you to day I want to tell you

so many things that I cant very well write. But  
before I go any farther I must apologise to you for  
something I wrote in one of my other letters.  
that was when I told you not to tell of what I told  
you about Paul. "I said dont tell for your life." I did  
not think at that present time how that sounded  
as I would not have said ~~so~~ I did. I guess you ~~thought~~  
thought I did not value your life much. Darling  
please forgive me. for I did not mean as bad as I  
said. you know I had much rather you would tell  
of that than to have you forget your life because  
you did not. besides I knew all the time you would  
not tell for you told me so. and I only can trust you  
Sadi. I have the utmost Confidence in your Word  
I dont see what in the world made me say that  
you will forgive me. Dearest - must you? and a  
thousand other foolish things I have said and done  
for you know Darling that I love you better than  
any other living one. and I know that you love me  
and I would be very sorry if I thought I had said  
or done any thing that would give you any reason  
to dislike me. or cause you any <sup>troublesome</sup> hard feelings  
towards me. you never have said any thing to me  
Sadi. but what is all right. you never have said

I wish I could have seen you  
a little while that morning  
before I came away but I saw  
no chance to. Perhaps it is just  
as well. I don't believe I could  
have kept the tears back if I  
had had said much to you.  
it seems all I could do as it  
seems. I thought a good many times  
that my feelings would betray  
me. Well Sadi, you will  
be tired and sick of this  
letter before you get it half  
read. and I wouldn't blame you  
if you did. But if you can't  
read it, burn it up and write  
to me and give me a good  
scolding for writing such a  
scramble. it is awful cold here  
I am half "frozen" to death.  
and I shall have to stop writing  
as freeze. what shall I do?  
I guess I'll stop. Please write soon  
Darling as ever yours  
{a kiss for my Sarah} O. M. Adrian

Sunday evening

Dear Sarah. it is awful lonesome  
here this evening. and I can't think  
of any thing else to do to interest  
me and keep me from dreaming  
a way through <sup>time</sup>. But to talk with you  
if you are willing that I should.  
I shall say many whether you are  
willing or not. I thought I would  
write you a good long letter  
to day. and so I have. but I can't  
think of any things of any impor-  
tance to write. if I could see you  
I could tell you more than I want  
to tell you than I can write in  
a whole week. I wish you could  
be here a little while some warm  
pleasant day so you could  
see what a ~~very~~ nice pleasant  
looking place it is here. it looks  
like a pleasant place and so it

is. But afters all I cant like an  
Island it is too much confinement  
for me. I want to be where I can  
get into the woods wnen in a ~~wish~~  
then I can content myself.

Oh Dear: what can I writ. that  
will be interesting to you? I cant  
think of any thing to night.

Gadie. I told "Add" what you told  
me to. about his being a good lay  
he told me to tell you that  
Gadie did not know him yet as  
the night as well as I do.

I am a fraid you will have a  
very difrent opinion of him afters  
you have knowen him as long as  
I have. I think he is not a very  
good lay. But he thinks a good  
deal of Gadie. I know he does  
for he told me so. he said he  
loved her better than he could  
tell and told me to tell her that  
she was a Darling good girl

he is an aweful silly talking  
lay isnt he? I expect that next  
Sunday night I shant be here it is  
hard telling when I shall be. I hope  
I shall be with the Regt. again But  
I dont much expect to be by next  
Sunday. The letters that came  
here for me will be sent to me  
so you may send yours here  
until you hear of me being in  
some other place. I hope Cre  
will have the good luck to get  
home this winter. Minnie would  
be so glad she would not know  
what to do wouldnt she? I shant  
call you ~~selfish~~ selfish Gadie  
because you said you had rather  
see me than Cre. I know you  
would if you are any like me  
for I would give more to see  
you than any Brother or Sister  
I have got. is there any thing  
strange a least that Sat.?

Dauids Island  
December 9<sup>th</sup> 1864

Dear Mother

I received your  
letter yesterday was glad to hear that  
you was all well. I am well and  
am going back to the Regt. again  
soon. this week I think.

The pay master is here today  
paying off the Soldiers. But  
I dont expect to get any  
pay here for I have no Dis-  
charge list here. But may  
be I shall get it the Ward  
master told me he thought  
I could get two months pay  
and that is all I want

and all I have been mustered  
for - Well I see there is no  
news to write this time.

I expect to go a way from  
here this week as the first  
of next. And I shall be glad  
too for I dont like this place  
at all. The Doctors put on  
to much state. they think as  
one of the Princes paid last  
night - (that they know more  
than (God Almighty) and it is  
a good deal so. they think  
they are "great Men" And I would  
like to see them down in  
Grant a little while then see  
if they would know so  
much. I shall have to  
cut this short for the  
milk cans at 4 o'clock and  
it is all most that now  
I will write as soon as I

get at a staying place  
and write more of the particu-  
lars. Be satisfied with  
this for this time

Yours truly

Admiral

have to stop and get out for  
like to be talked to all the while - I shall  
arrived at that conclusion for I don't  
can do as I please - I am glad they have  
to me about it - that I am old enough and  
Why say they shall not say another word

Home Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 1865

My own Darling:

Tell here I am at  
home once more - I got homesick as I  
could be staying away two long weeks  
Don't you think I make a very brave  
School ma'am? I had no school today  
and it seems awful good to get away  
from the noise and work of the school  
room - I can't think of any thing but  
headache when I think of my school for  
I have that constantly while in the  
schoolhouse - I have fine times at K's  
evenings - They make it very pleasant  
for me - Daniel is the oldest mortal  
I ever saw always full of fun and

in that address  
I don't care  
I don't care  
I don't care  
I don't care

Good Morning Darling:

It is not a very  
good morning here for it rains like fury  
and is muddy and wet - I guess I shall have  
to swim down to my school for I certainly  
cant get there any other way today - I wish  
it would snow or freeze or something - What  
makes you say you have done <sup>more</sup> foolish  
things than I have? I don't know you have not  
and so do I - As to my forgiving you - I will say  
that I do not think you have ever done, said,  
or written any thing that required it - but if  
you think you have it is freely given - Minnie  
and Orr were here yesterday - she is happy as she  
can be since Orville got home - she wishes  
now that she had not taken her school -  
I don't know whether she told Orville anything  
about us or not - and I don't care as far as I  
am concerned - What's the use! He will know it  
of course - All of our folks thinks it is a settled thing  
I guess - Do you care if they do Add?

ready to do anything for the School and  
except struggling - I had 24 scholars this  
week - two girls larger than I am and five  
of the most mischievous boys that you ever  
saw I guess - all of them about 15 years old  
If that is not enough to try the patience  
of any mortal I should like to know  
what was - I dont believe "Job" ever taught  
school for I believe such a one as mine  
is would "try the patience of Job" - I am  
running on at a great rate - Ill take  
it all back - I suppose its me that is to  
blame not the school - I got your letter  
last night and Adrian I was very very  
glad to get such a dear good letter from  
you - I wrote to you the first of the week  
but I suppose the letter did not go  
out till today - Ad you need not have  
apologized to me for what you wrote  
I did not think you meant it - as it  
was written - I thought you would not  
wish me to die rather than tell of that -

By the by Orville told me very confidentially  
the other day that Erastus French drank -  
I did not say any thing only told him it  
would do no good to tell of it - I dont know  
how or where he heard of it - He did not say  
and I did not ask him - Shintown is as  
well as usual at least - so far as I have  
seen Oh Dear Ad how I wish you were here  
tonight - I would give "40 great apples" (as  
Agg says) if I could see you long enough  
to kiss you just once - I'm afraid after all  
that I wouldn't be satisfied with that - Dear  
Ad you think I would? I cant tell you how  
I miss you - more than I did last winter  
If this was would only end how glad we  
poor School marns would be who have got  
dear ones in the army - Darling I shall  
have to leave you for tonight and go to  
sleep for I have been too lazy to keep up  
a fire and I am half frozen - it is  
after 11 o'clock and Mother says I must  
not sit up any longer - good night Darling

David's Island December 13<sup>th</sup> / 63  
Dear Father

I thought I would write a few lines to you this afternoon, as it is a lousy delicious day and I can't think of any thing else to do to kill the time. It has been rainy weather for two or three days past and a good deal of wind. I presume there is snow in ball now. There has been a little here but it did not last long. It all went off before night.

"Pshaw" I can't help write to day. I have just ran out and took a Salt Water bath. The tide is so high this afternoon and the wind blows so hard they was a afraid it would drive away the Pack and there was a lot of Boards and lumber piled up on the Deck they was a afraid would be lost. I went down and helped take them away and I got rather than a rat. But Foster Smith took us all up to

hired quarters and gave us all a good horn  
"Brandy" he that paid for getting out.

I am getting tough as ever again and  
expecting every day to go back to the Regt.  
But I cant tell when I shall go nor I  
dont believe any one else can.

The paymaster has been here and gave a  
way a gain I did not get any pay  
this time. My Discription list was  
not here. A gal Darned night of my  
company affairs. thats whats the matter  
I have got money enough to last me I  
guess till an attar pay day then I  
hope I shall be with the Regt. I have  
not heard from the Regt since I came  
here. So I dont know where they are  
or what they are doing. I would like to be  
at home now and take a Chase after  
that Old "Pais" But then I dont care much  
I have got only a year more to stay  
any way and that isnt much. I have  
heard some talk that the first call  
three hundred thousand of three years  
men was going home in four. I have

not seen any such thing in the Papers  
yet I guess it is all talk.

Evening. I dont know as there is any  
thing more that I can write that will be  
news. the report is that we shall go away  
from here to morrow. But I cant tell till  
to morrow comes. Then I heard again to day that  
we was a going to stay here until you was  
paid a gain. But there is no dependance  
to be put in what we hear. We shall go when  
we do go and not before. Well I want  
write any more this evening for I want  
to go to Church. With Love

Adrian

Monday Morning I just got a letter  
from Ed Thompson he says the boys  
are all well and in winter quarters at  
Killeys Ford. And Capt. Rogers has gone  
into the 1<sup>st</sup> sublet corps. I am glad he  
is out of the company - he is a miserable  
scurvily prof. We dont go a way to  
day I dont believe we will go this week  
No more this time.

Ed.

her as forget to love her - I dont care if  
Minna has told Orville of us it makes no  
diferance any way - of course they will  
all know it if they dont already and I  
am sure I had as soon they would know  
it as not. you said you had some  
news to tell me but you did not think  
it ~~worth~~ <sup>worth</sup> to write it. you  
know best I am sure. <sup>But</sup> you have not  
forgot what I told you a least writing  
to me from you? Cant you trust me?  
I think I miss and Gt. acted real ugly  
to hurt you so - have hateful these  
Brethren and Sisters can be when  
they take a notion. Well Dear I sho  
ld have to leave you for to night  
for it is getting late - if I have time  
in the morning I will write some  
more But if I cant please write to  
me as soon as you can - take as  
many "bushels" of kisses as you want  
and dont think "Add" will miss  
parent his Dear loving Ladies <sup>good night</sup>  
pleasant Dreams to you. <sup>Dearest and</sup>  
<sup>your ever</sup> <sup>Dear</sup> <sup>and</sup>  
<sup>pleasant</sup> <sup>Dreams</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>you.</sup> <sup>your</sup> <sup>ever</sup> <sup>Dear</sup> <sup>and</sup>

even more expect dont tell her  
and if I hear about me do write to me  
I am from I am a soft kind of a boy  
but it is as good as I can do to write  
I have a softness of a soft skin and

David's Island

December 16<sup>th</sup> / 63

Dearest Sarah

I received a letter from  
you yesterday and one again today. Dear  
you cant guess how glad Add. was to get  
an other letter from you. I have been expe  
cting ever since I wrote to you that I shou  
ld be sent away from here before I could  
give an answer. But I have not you yet  
and not much prospects of going away  
soon I guess either. I got a letter Monday  
from our Cavalry Sergt. he says the  
Boys are all well and enjoying themselves  
first rate. they have your into their  
quarters near Kelleys Tent. he says  
they have got neat little log seats to live  
in that the "Rebs" had made for themselves  
But they was a blize to turn them over

to the "Yanks" it looks hard dont it to make  
the "pacs Relis" build us another quarters?

I suppose "Erville" is awery glad to get home  
again he is indeed a lucky "boy" I did not exp  
ect him to get home quite so soon. But  
he has not good for him. I would not  
refuse an honorable Discharge my self.

But I dont expect one until next fall  
I should think according to your story that  
you had got rather of a hard school to man-  
age. But you seem to lay the blame all  
on the teacher. Just as though she was  
the cause of the scholars bad conduct  
Why am to teach ~~school~~ <sup>school</sup> should have  
the faults of "the Sab's" for I know  
how ugly I used to be. especially when  
I got a little "huffier" at the teachers such  
ugly things. Dont know how much trouble  
they cause the teacher some times.

But I have got all over that now. ind  
call of hating the school "mamas" as I  
used to. and causing them all the trouble  
I could. I must confess that I

do so really love our man. better than I ever  
did as ever ever love an other. you  
know well enough who she is dont you  
Darling. She is that "ugly Sarah" as she  
is sometimes called. and even you prefer  
to call her "hateful." do you suppose you  
or any one else can make me believe  
not a thing? "No. you cant." till I know  
she is mistaken when she says  
you or Sartin acted ugly or hateful  
while I was at home for she did not  
she was just the best "girl" I ever saw  
I told "Add" what you wrote in yours last  
letter and you cant quite have glad to  
read it. he says "Sartin" is his Darling good Girl  
and there is more than an good thing  
a heart his. Oh Sartin how I wish I could  
see you tonight and could tell you  
how much I love you Darling. you  
said you hoped I would not forget "Sartin"  
did you think Sartin that I ever could  
forget his? I should just as quick  
forget to breathe as I would forget to

Alexandria N'a.

December 25<sup>th</sup>/60.

Dear Mother

I will write you a short letter to day and wish you a "Merry Christmas" and tell you when I am and when I am a going. The 94<sup>th</sup> is all at "Anafalan" doing duty there and I am a going, there to march if I can get transportation and I think I can. I left Davis Island the 18<sup>th</sup> and got here the 22<sup>nd</sup> we were four days on the water and we had a cold very time going. But it is all over with now and we are a going to have "tip faji" times this winter. I will write again as soon as I get there and tell you all the particulars. Adieu

Flank & Breast  
are both here, and will

Gold