



Riker's Island. Feb. 26th.

My Dear Ones at home.

I must send you a few lines, now that I have got an opportunity. I have not received any letters from you for so long that I begin to think some of them must have "gone astray". I am now quite well & strong again, & I feel quite contented, when I am not feeling well, then I am heartily sick of soldiering, & wish I was well out of it, but then, when I feel well, I ~~like~~ ^{feel} frustrated, I would not like to go, even if I could. It seems a long while since we parted at Barrington. But it is only a month, the next month I hope will not seem so long. I should love

to stay here all summer. If
I could it is such a healthy
beautiful place. If water seem
indolence more good it seems as
if it would be most perfect.

It was more at work in the
officers quarters making our the
batter, & making clothes, &c.
It is not near as hard work
as it is in the common cook
room, & "kitchen" & these just
as good food as I should get
at home, & that is something
of a consideration. The weather
here is very fine. It is
mostly good weather for making
mashed sugar. I suppose you have
got plenty of snow yet. I can
imagine just how things look
the company is in fine order
& the Col. told us the other

The best show on shell of any
company in the Reg. I guess
we have got the material to
make a good company. We
have not got Sharps Rifles yet
but expect them every day,
the Col. said he should force
us to the Capital the same as
the rest of the Reg. are armed
with. but the company should
right out & positively refused to
take them, the thing is all
quilt now. & I guess we shall
get our guns without any more
guess. but we may get into a
trouble & get broken up yet.
I must close as my business
is up. Adieu for now. I let
of love to all, write often to
your loving ones
Fred.

Please send a few stamps
I want to write to several places.