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Head Quarters 3<sup>rd</sup> Brig.  
December 3<sup>rd</sup> 1864

Dear Farley<sup>1</sup>

It is a long time since I have written to any member of the family, and I feel a little bit ashamed of myself for my long silence. The truth is I have written two letters since I mailed one and have let them lay about my tent until they were stale. I received a short letter from you last night and will answer it at once. The second corps has been relieved from the front line where it has lost so heavily and is now in winter quarters on the left of the fifth corps. This change was made about the last of November the 9<sup>th</sup> Corps relieving us on the Appomattox. Our Brigade is in a fine position and in a few days the men will have their tents completed. Our tents are at present without stoves or chimneys and are very cold so you must excuse brevity. In a week I shall be ready to receive you and when you are ready to start will give full instructions.

Sam Porter  
A.D.C.

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Endnotes:

<sup>1</sup> Farley is Porter's younger brother.