Transcribed by Terry Crooks.

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Head Quarters 2nd Div 2nd Corps May 1st 65

Dear Father

The bearer of this note Mr. Leonard¹ has been my clerk in the Judge Advocate ever since I have been at these HdQrs, and on his way to Buffalo where he lives promised to stop and see you.

If you desire it he will probably be glad to give a full account of our combined duties. He is an excellent faithful man & I am very sorry to lose him but his health would not permit him to remain in the service.

Sam

Endnotes:

¹ Mr. Leonard is probably Claude Leonard, pvt.Co. F, 108th NY.