

Davids Island

NY. Harbor

December 1st, 1864

Dear Parents,

I will write you a few lines this evening, as I have a little time: & will acknowledge the respects of yours, of the 27th, which came to hand on the 30th. I was very much pleased to get it, & have been looking some time for it, & more than all to learn that you were all in usual good health; & Father on the gain; I think that by being carefull [sic] you will fully recover; & if so it will be necesary [sic] to practice caution, to continue in health; which is the greatest blessing to man. –

It seems very strange that you are having such bad weather up your way; while here we are having the best of weather, for the season; & with a few exceptions, which was soon after I returned here; it has been so ever since; especially since I wrote you last; I am glad to hear that you have got your potatoes; all gathered; in spite of the bad weather. I suppose you are employed in the Sleep; the rest of the time now; well, I am using the time about us as when I wrote you last; I have done quite a little painting, since I have been in this Part, though the most of it has been lettering. I have lettered ten doors in this Part & they say when I get done here, I shall have to go into the 17th.

Things here are usually quiet; & going as usual. One of the men I told you about, that were Furloughed before I was, & lived in Chantanque, Co, came back about a week ago; & today he was examined for duty; & others that were furloughed earlier than he was have come back lately; They have sent men away from here till they begin to look rather thin; We had a gay old Turkey eat here last Thursday; (Thanksgiving day) & plenty of Company; the dinner was so good that they fury on to get any Supper for us; & perhaps it was best as the most of the Boys complained of turkey for a no [number] of days; But the next day the table was spread old style to every day the same; But it will do for a Soldier, & that is the case with me.

Your letter is the only one that I have rec[eived] from the place since I left home; I am in hopes to get a few others before long: & I would like to have you write as soon as you can; & lack time, give me all of the news; I am in hopes that should I hear from town, those that are now one of health will have regained so for myself. I am in usual health.

Tell Nett that I have nothing to write to her as I of. But think of her often & would like to see her, tell her that I want her to be a good Girl; & learn to read & C; & will write a letter to her some time when I can think of something to write about. Tell Addie the same for me, & I want her to learn to write so she can write me a letter.

I have nothing more to write this time, but will answer every letter you send; two forty:

My respects to all. From Your Son, A. H. Tibbals.