

16th Regiment N. Y. Vol. Artillery.

BATTERY E.

Gloucester Point
Apr 7th 1864

Dear Mother

It is
with pleasure that I
sit down to answer your
kind letter, which I receiv^{ed}
last night it found me
well and I hope that
this will find you the
same I had not throug^{ht}
of getting my discharge
for I do not want it
if I had it today I
should enlist over a
gain I should like to
know how where you hear
of sitch stuff I guess

it comes from sam
Jones you may tell him
if he know so much
a bout our not being
in a fort he had better
come down here tell him
that I know that we
are in a fort and in
the heavy artillery the
name of our fort is fort
keys and there is another
large fort a east the river
from us to yorktown I
have not ben homesick a
bit I want you to build
a picket fence and to
have some trees sit out
I want you to have two
sit out in the ~~door~~
door yard a bout half way
from the house down to
the road ofisite each
corner of the house like

Charley Hathorn

I have got your picture it
is just as ~~natural~~ as life
natural as life I will send
you mine as soon as I
get the rest of my ^{own} unif
and gun and I think
that will be before many
days now I think you
had better buy something
and put on the garden
and write what you are
a going to do with it
this summer I dont
know of any thing to
write this time so good
by this is from your son

George W. Hill

send me some postage
stamps