

Camp Russell V A
Dec the 15th 64

Dear Mother

I Now Seat myself To reply to
you my thanks af those things
that you Sent by Sgt Hedges
they all fit me verry well &
my boots I wouldnt part with
for 4. times what they cost
I am well and I hope these
few lines will find you Improving
we have had about 6 inches of
Snow but yesterday the Sun came
out and took the most of it off
but it has come off a cold again
to day but it is quite ~~not~~ comfortable
In our quarters and we have got
Clothing Enough to keep us warm
I Have been making Oyster Soup
and we have had a verry good
Supper For Sautgiers but we have

To Eat Such as it is and we get
a very good quality I Dont see
any sight for getting home yet
you wont make any calculations
on my coming and then if do not
come there will be a Disappointment
and if I do come ~~you~~^{it} will be a
Disappointment I will come as soon
as there is any chance Lt Hedges
says as soon as there is any chance
he will get me off I think there
will be a chance before a great
while I am acting Orderly yet
And I like it better then I do
doing guard duty for i am in
my Quarters Every Night I dont
think I will send this and until
I get a letter from Weller
Again for I dont know whether
you are at home or at the
Village Hedges Village of Saratoga
we have had some cold weather
here in the Shenandoah Shenandoah

Valley But we are Pretty
well Prepared for it so let it
whicker it hant only 10 months
more then the small number
that is left of the old stock
will be at liberty as it is
about time for me to call the
Roll and Report I will ^{obey} by
Bidding you good Night and rite
more thepore I send this and
Good Morning as there was
Some good news Rumour around
camp last Evening the was that
Mr Grant had taken Richmond
But we hardly As credit the
Story but we hope that it is
so and now I think the only
way may for me to get home
is for ~~it~~ to have somebody
Telegraph to me that you are ~~very~~
very sick if me I should stay
stay hear I think that i could
get home in the course of the winter

But as Things stands
Now they wont grant us well
Furloughs I have got some
money that i wish you
had but there is an express
that i can send it by and
dont like the Plan of sending
in letters for it is not safe
I will close Bidding you good
Night This is From your
Absent Seth Hill
To His mother

As soon as Recieve
This Package I speak
of ite And let me
know for I shall be
somewhat uneasy
until I hear from
it Seth Hill To