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My dear Maria

Since I last wrote you I have rec<sup>d</sup> two from you both written the same day and I was pleased to see the familiar hand writing and know that you and the little dearies were all well I still continue to gain in health & flesh I weigh<sup>d</sup> myself to day and find I am Ten lbs heavier than when I left I and I will have to gain but a few pounds more to be heavier than I ever was before I dont think I will have that box sent on right off so you need not hurry to get any thing ready for me and as to wells I have receiv<sup>d</sup> some private letters and they will do me, Since I came back I have had a plenty to tend to and am still quite busy I did not find the Co under the best of discipline and many spoke to me of how it had become demoralized and to straighten them out and get things going on smoothly has been no small job but there is a perceptible difference in the Co, so others say This morning I made a private ask Pardon of Sgt. Boddeter