

Albion Barracks  
Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear Maria

I will continue to write to you as often as heretofore though I have heard nothing from you since my arrival here which is now 9 days and the time seems long I assure you, perhaps you have not directed right but that can't be possible I think if you direct to Newbern merely letters will come most direct The box of clothing has not arrived yet but I am expecting it any day. I passed long in the reaches you, you will have seen Ernie and learned from him many things of interest to you, but of all the dull times we have ever seen it was the dullest while he was with us so he will have but little exciting news to communicate to you. As we saw him things are not very lively but more so than at Gettowsn. Day before yesterday Col. Ripley sent out a scouting party of Cavalry and Infantry but little was accomplished. The object was to capture a Rebel Schooner out near Swanston, but it was a failure. Three days ago I went with Dr C — up to Newbern and stopped there two nights — not being able to do all our business the night we got there and started back in the morning having and as there is but one train for Newbern