

Newport Barracks N.C.  
Nov 15<sup>th</sup> 1863

My dear Maria

Again it is Sunday  
evn and a few lines I must write, not  
because I really feel like writing but  
I know you will expect to hear from  
me and I dont want to disappoint you -  
Since writing my last nothing of in-  
terest has haped so my letter will be  
dry and I presume short - This P.M.,  
I have been riding, and visited Capt  
Kelly at "Bogus Sound" I find his Co.,  
is improving quite fast but many are yet  
subject to shakks as are most boys and is  
in this district I am really astonished  
at myself being so healthy while others  
are down - I am quite fleshy now and  
weigh 160 lbs which is heavy for me -  
Lt Dewitt says you are (to use his words)  
"looking bully" - I am glad to hear you  
are so well and I hope you will get on's