

Camp near Portsmouth Va
Dec 1st 1863

Dear Sister

I now
take this opportunity to let you
know that I am still in the
land of the living and am a great
deal better in health than I was
when you was at home I started
the 25th Nov got to day the next
morning went to N. C. State St
and got my transportation to Balt-
imore then crossed over to Gees
and stand there till 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock
took the cars to Balt got there
the next morning about 4 o'clock
staid there till 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock P.M.
took the boat for Ft Monroe go
there the next morning at 7 o'clock
took the boat at 10 o'clock for Norfolk
crossed over to Portsmouth