

Dear William

Yours is received - also one from Ed. I have just written to Ed that they may send us if they please provisions of any description. But it would suit us best to get Dried Beef, Cheese, Pickers, Maple Sugar, Crackers or something of that kind. You both speak as if the people wanted to do something of the kind for us and we shall be nothing loath to receive anything they may send. But my experience is that cooked provisions don't keep - they get mouldy, and you know these snatchments are of no account. They only make the men dissatisfied with the rations. But the articles I mention which will and do no harm.

We left Bush Hill Monday morning reached the long bridge about Eleven o'clock after more snoring than there was on the whole Bull Run trip. Our boys wished their knapsacks had been sent to Bull Run. They got very weary