

Franklin St. Barracks N.Y. City

Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 1862

Dear Mother

We are all safe and sound and comfortably quartered at the above named place with the exception of Frank Carter. He was unwell when we left Camp but thought he could stand it but he was taken worse on the way and was taken to the Hospital on Broadway.

Gilbert Greene was in here this afternoon. He came from the 15<sup>th</sup> Regiment about a month ago and is stopping at the same Hospital where Frank is. He said he could probably have the scarlet fever --- Greene has got his discharge and is coming home this week or next.

We reached N.Y. about 12 yesterday. We were delayed at Allyn's Point about 7 or 8 hours waiting for the boat but had a chance to sleep in the cars.

We had a very good night on the Sound but our company with a number of others had to sleep on the floor in the Cabin but it was quite comfortable. On arriving at N.Y. we marched to the Park Barracks on Broadway where about ½ past 3 we had some refreshments and again about 6 we had some more. The Park Barracks is the place where all the Reg'ts passing through N.Y. are provided with refreshments.

After supper part of the Reg't were taken to the City Hall to stay and the rest of us including our company the Athol & Clinton Company were taken down to the Franklin Street Barracks.

The whole of the 49<sup>th</sup> Mass Reg't is in the lower stories of the building and so we three companies were put up into a room about 200 feet long in the 5<sup>th</sup> story of the building

I think we will stay here three or four days and then we probably shall go on board of Transports. The report around the City is that there are 50,000 troops within two miles of the City that are to form Banks' Expedition.

I am feeling first rate now.

When you write you can direct your letter to me care Capt. Stratton Franklin St. Barracks, Co. C. 53<sup>rd</sup> Regt, N.Y. City.

But I will close.

Write soon any of you.

Yours Truly,

T. A. Hills

Dec. 2

We leave for Long Island tomorrow morning.

Francis Gates Carter, b. Dec. 24, 1845, discharged January 3, 1863 due to disability.

Gilbert W. Greene, Priv. in Co. F, 15<sup>th</sup> Regt. M. V., age 20, from Fitchburg, discharged January 17, 1863 due to disability.

Allyns Point is on the Thames River above New London.

"Our" company is Company C, 53<sup>rd</sup> Regt. Massachusetts Volunteers. Athol company is Company E, 53<sup>rd</sup> Regt. M. V. Clinton company is Company I, 53<sup>rd</sup> Regt. M. V. The count for Companies C, E, and I was about 294 officers and enlisted men.

Captain Joel A. Stratton commanded Co. C, 53<sup>rd</sup> Regt. Massashusetts Volunteers.