Head. Quarters, 156th Regt., N. Y. S. C.
2d Bptd. 1st Div. 19th army corps.

Friend Williams,

Your copy think it very strange for one to write to you, as I have written, but it was not that I never thought of you. I have thought a great many times that I would write, but there was always something in the way, and now I will endeavor to let a few lines in my answer.

Yes, I have not heard from you since I saw you in the Military in the world. But I suppose you have heard of us. So this is an item of my telling you, where we have been, in what we have been doing.

And you see here are writing, and you reading, but I will tell you where we were one year ago.

Monday morning, we was a week on the wide Ocean, near the Mosquito shore, about 80 miles from Key west, and we have been in great danger since, and good thank we will be the next, 10th of December. And I hope the
was, will be ended, and I will be home, =

one has good news from the army of Tennessee,

and expect great news from the Potomac. Yours,

General Grant is the man of this war. He was the man at Chickasaw and Lookout Mountains, and I think he will be the man. TheRichmond will be unless there is something else this winter, which I hope there is. There has been many changes in the regiment, since we left. Old soldiers have gone home, some on furlough, and some discharged, and are dead, and one that was dear and dear to me, is in his grave. That was George Temple, and all through the negligence of doctors, if we had better surgeons in the army, their would not be as many deaths as there is.

This was rather a sad instance, occurred here Saturday of last week, of the 23rd. One was as Russell Cady, and another, one of our men, and was about putting

him in jail, and the latter, started him, and the 38th fellow, hit him hard and fired, killing him instantly. He was a member of Company E, 15th Regiment, and had many friends in his Company, he had a son in the same Company; that regrett his loss, very much, and has the sympathy of every officer in his regiment.
The health of the Plattekill Boys is very good. as far as I know. Daniel is well and wishes to be remembered to you. He is orderly at Brigade head quarters. He has very good times. Theodore is well and is out of sick list today. (and it is raining, so it makes it very unpleasant.)

That is something. I have not been in some time, I was detailed in the Quartermasters Department last January, and still remains in the same. I have enjoyed very good health since I have been in the army. I was sick about two months, but I kept out of the hospital, and now I am well and feel very well contented. I should like to go home and see the folks once in a while, but other wise, I am contented, as I am very well situated (for a private soldier.)

Send my respects to your father and mother, and all the folks.

Remember one thing, I am only a private soldier. (if I have any.) I hope to receive an answer from your sister, as it is convenient, and I mean to write you often, if we are agreed.

Write soon and I remain your friend and well wishes.

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Alice, Henry, Gertrude.

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