



Augusta Oct. 3rd 1863

Dear Sister Perse

I received your kind letter day before yesterday and I assure you I was very glad to get it. This is the first opportunity I have had to answer yours, as our company have been drawing clothing and I am the only Sergeant present, and are all of the Officers ^ of recruiting so the whole command of the company falls upon me, and some of the boys are rather wild and need considerable looking after, Perhaps you may think that I need some one to look out for me sometimes. But I can tell you Perse when I have any duty to do I keep on the square as the boy's say. I can say something that not many can say that have been in the service as long as I have, that is I never was reprimanded by an Officer in no way either by word or deed I never saw the inside of a guard-house excepting on duty. I was talking with my

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Description: J.E. Mitchell letter to Persis Blanchard

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House several days ago and was all through it. I have seen eny quantity of better looking places.

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Yours truly

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