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Dear Mother

I received your letter and I was very glad to hear from you since my last we have had a death in the company one of the last Recruits was taken sick and died very suddenly his name was John. Graham one of the recruits. ^{of Stock} started home with the Body on the morning of the 5th the weather has been very dry here we have had several little showers but not one 10th part what we needed I got a letter from Sin yesterday she said Bill got off she will not have to come out and leave his mammy yet a while and tell George for me to stick to his trade if he knows when he is well off and not to suck what other Boys say

if you cant make a fortune in 3 yrs.
wait a little longer that is my advice
last week some of the boys took a Reb
he was sneaking around here and
we took the Johnny down to the City
and handed him over to the
Provost Marshal we also took a deserter
on the fifth. or 4th one or the 3 the
Boys are as well as usual everything
goes well in camp at present
give my love to all the Family
tell George to write if there is any
news for there is not much here
write soon Rebs in Rogerstown
from Willard & Butler