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My Dear Bell

I write to you hoping that you and the children are well i am in good health but i feel very bad because i could not be discharged i was before the medical board of inspection this morning and could not have my discharge the Capt Faxonstock was away on duty but the medical doctor told over doctor to keep an eye on me that is to watch me if i am not fit for duty so i think after a little time i shall have my discharge yet i mean to try hard for it any how i hope you wont vex your self because i have very esey times i dont cook any more the men have biled Log houses five in sum and ten in others and thay cook them selves i draw nothing but draw the rackings and give them to the men i rite these few lines in a hurry you will hear more in my

next letter i receive a letter
last Sunday night from Mercer
that you had wrote on the fifteenth
of August i was glad to get it
if it was old keep your self in
good spirits i went belong before
i come home with out sum
great accident i got a letter from
Mr Davies the Preacher last
Saturday night and was very glad
to have it send me Baby Bells
picture as soon as you can get it
i had a letter from you last week
with the Suspenders in it and i am
very thankfull to you for them
as soon as i can get my pay i shall
have plenty of money to keep you if
i shant come home i have three
Dollars and a half of pocket money
yet my love to D Davies and Mrs Davies
and family i forgot to put a stamp
on your last letter i have plenty
of them i will send you the sheet

of paper i had in your old letter
the invalip is spoiled so you rition
it and you may send it back
from your Dear and Affectionate
Husband Thomas Hamer
Kiss Ellie and Baby Bella
for me with as soon
as you can i have plenty
of paper and invalips
and Stamps
yours till Death Th H

when the Captain will come home i will
try ^{him} ~~the~~ to go and see the head Doctor
he told me he would send me
home and i know he can to
if i can get him to go he is very
good friend to me he sends often
for me to him in the morning
to get a cup of Caffe and
a piece of toast so you may think
i am dumbdly dont tell this to
any one mind that