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Brother Charles,

I have just finished ^{reading} that darned old (what was I going to say) the kind letters I received from you and sisters and was glad to hear from you but am sorry that I have such a cold. I will improve the first opportunity to answer it, I am well as common except a diarrhea which has been following me up for a few days. This morning I went over to see the Surgeon and got some medicine and got excused from duty to day which is the first day but what I have been on duty since I came here. I think I shall be able to do duty again tomorrow. I received a letter from Lyman of the same date