

Onoville, March 17th, '67

Mr Robert Hall [*Robert Mack Hall, Sgt., Co. I, 9th NY Cav.; enlisted at Westfield, NY; taken prisoner at Brandy Station, VA, Oct. 11, 1863*]

Westfield

Dear Sir

Having heard that you have (after all your sufferings in "rebeldom") got back once more to your home and wishing to hear from you I thought I would write and give you a brief account of my adventures after leaving you so suddenly at the Pemberton prison.

Well I staid in the city until about two O Clock P.M. the day I made my escape and then started for Williamsburg. Got about 3 miles and found a negro who wanted to go along and being in want of Co [*company*] took him along but we both got recaptured at New Kent Court House 30 miles from Rich [*Richmond*]. Well they preferred charges against me for stealing the negro and confined me in a cell in castle Thunder. Kept me there 36 days and being nearly "played out" they took me to the Hospital. Stayed there two weeks and then sent me among our deserters whom they had confined in a building and after staying there three weeks was sent back to my old quarters in the Pemberton where I stayed until the 8th of May when I was paroled and sent to our lines. I often thought of you and the boys in the Pemberton and have often wondered how many got back alive. I suppose you know something about the rest who were taken with us and would like to have you tell me all about them.

Capt Weld [*Capt. Joseph G. Weld, Co. D, 9th NY Cav.; enlisted at Brocton, NY; captured at Brandy Station, VA, Oct. 11, 1863*] came back the same boat with me.

I heard that Elwell [*Michael T. Elwell, Co. E, 9th NY Cav; enlisted at Napoli, NY; died of disease 11/26/1864*] died at Annapolis and have heard nothing from any of the rest.

I got the money that the Rebs took from me.

I am going by your place this spring and if you will tell me where I can find you perhaps I will call on you.

Please do write any way for I should be pleased to hear from you.

Yours Truly A. J. Barton
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