

Officers Camp Ft Luskow - Ind
May 26th 1864

My dear Father & Mother

I had the unspeakable pleasure yesterday of receiving your letter of the 10th inst, being the first I have rec'd since March 22nd. I had been looing long and anxiously for a letter from you and could not account for my not receiving it - it was that you thought I was exchanged which I find was the case from your letter. I was much pleased to hear from Clinton, if I could see him I should say to him "go ahead you're on the right track" I was glad to hear that his arm was well, I supposed when you spoke of it before that he had been shot in the arm, I want you to tell me what command or Regt he belongs to, I think exchange of Prisoners will soon be resumed and if I am exchanged I shall report to Pices command if there is any chance for it, I understand Capt Boone has command of our Regt. of course you see the news it is unnecessary for me to say anything about it. I agree with you that Miss Ellen writes a very good letter I had the pleasure of receiving one from her a few days ago. I suppose I and her agree very well on most questions. A good many Prisoners here been brought in since I wrote you last, some of them from Johnsons Island. Capt A. Phelps of making one of them. he is a faithful Minister over 50 yrs of age, he labored almost continually while I was on the Island and much good was done through him. His health is not very good now but he says he will preach for us all he can. I trust that we may have better times. I am still trying to do the best I can. I have been suffering considerable in the past few days from toothache. I trust this may find you all in the enjoyment of good health. The Prisoners here are in fine spirits. Give my love to Mother. Marysue and the little ones not forgetting Mary, Abel & primmy. Given affectionatly - your as ever, W. J. Bradburn