

St. Augustine Jan 5th 1863

Dear Sister A. C.

I must write you a few lines
at this time in answer to yours
of Dec 5th – It is almost a year
since I was at home since that
time I have seen considerable and
iff [sic] I could see you I could tell a
pretty good yarn about Dixie
but as it is you will be obliged
to wait awhile It does not seem
but a little while since we left
N H [New Hampshire] time passes very rapidly
away

you say you should think I would
get tired of being a soldier I like
it much better than I expected
it is the laziest life I ever saw
yet and you know it suits me
to be lazy I think the Old Bean-
ey is a nice woman Tell him
George is well I wish we had the
Old woman out here we would
Take care of her you spoke of those
Frenchman and said you did not
See how they all sleep in their small
House when we were at Camp
Hall there was 22 of us in one
Tent so I guess they can sleep
As well as we did

When that Diary come
that Rachel bought me I had
got one so I sold that one for 50cts
and will send the Money back to
her in this Tell her I am sorry
Martha's head troubles her so
hope it is better now I have got
a tooth that aches about all the
time I shall have it pulled soon
it is a Wisdom Tooth I am on
Quarter Guard tomorrow
I must close for I cant think
Of any more Respects to all
Write often

From your Brother
N L Truel

Jan 6th Tuesday Evening
I expected to be on guard
today but am not I am on
Picket tomorrow sure The
boat leaves tomorrow morning
There is over 20 discharged sol-
diers going home on this boat
they were unwell when we came
here. They are enlisting the
Niggers for the service I don't
think they will make
very good fighters but I sup-
pose they suit the Abolitionists
I have got a horn ring I am
going to send you in this it
is not worth much but it will
remind you of St Augustine
don't put it in Hot water for
Iff you do the heart may come
out

Good Night
NLT