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Bolivar Heights, Virginia

October 9, 1862

Dear Mother,

I received your last letter tonight and was glad to hear from you all. I am in good health and I hope these few lines will find you the same. I have received five letters from you now, 1 from Mrs. Perry, and one from Charlie Smith, and 2 from [?], 1 from H. Hubbell, and 1 from George Keeler and 1 from Mr. Barker. And a Standard from McIntyre.

I left the hospital Monday and reached the regiment Tuesday evening. We are in comfortable quarters at Bolivar Heights and expect before long to go into winter quarters. I don't want to have you send me anything until we get quartered which will be soon.

George wrote me a letter and said he was well. I saw a piece in the Standard about the 17th having to lay without any tents. We lay 4 days without them at Ft. Allen and it rained two days. We have seen the time we were glad to lay down on the bare ground. I have wrote 2 letters to Father but directed them in care of Mrs. Hammond and I do not know whether he received them or not. That was before I received your letters.

It is getting late now and I shall have to draw my letter to a close. Give my respects to all the family and to Mrs. Grey. Tell her I will write before long.

From your dear son, — Lucien E. Hubbard

P. S. Col. says if you was a mind to send me a small box, you might. I wish you would send me a small box. Send some of our apples and some of your ginger cakes. Send it as soon as you can. I will try and get some money to pay for sending it. Send it soon as you get this. Send it right away and then I will get it. Send a good lot of apples and cakes and a mince pie. Direct it to Lucien W. Hubbard, Co. A, 14th Regt., C. V., Harpers Ferry, Va. In Haste. Adams Express

Be sure and send it. If you don't, you will disappoint me. I told Charlie Smith to tell you not to send it before I knew [if we were going to stay here] but never mind. Be sure and send it. — L. W. H.

Bio of Lucien Hubbard

Born on July 9, 1848, in Fairfield County, Connecticut, USA. At 14 years of age, Lucien enlisted in July 1862, where the drummer in the 14th Connecticut began a momentous, 21-month journey.

On October 14, 1863, during the Battle of Bristoe Station in Virginia, Lucien was captured by Confederate Cavalry. Lucien was sent to the notorious Belle Isle prison camp on the James River in Richmond, Virginia.

The bitter cold, the dampness, the scarcity of food, and medical care took their toll. Tragically, on April 16, 1864, Lucien Hubbard lost his battle to the rain diseases around him. He was just 15 years old when he breathed his last on Virginian soil 574 miles from home.