

Libby Prison Richmond Va Dec 21/63

Dear Brother

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With much Love to all I remain as Ever Respectfully

J. B. Fay

Joseph B. Fay, Captain, Co. E, 154<sup>th</sup> New York

*Courtesy of Scott Hilts, Arcade, New York*

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