Dear Parents & Leslie:

Do this is Thanksgiving Day in New York, I thought I would write you a few lines to let you know how we
enjoyed our Thanksgiving. We were in New York City all day as we wanted to enjoy the
town. As we have been so
Alvin, David, Joseph, Maxine, myself, and together we
dined and got some
butter and turkey. We have
bought some potatoes at 10 cents
and quite small at that. We
have had a grand thanksgiving. Oh! We had
apples, vegetables, and pies. I roll
enjoyed my supper well. We all
Near Fredericksburg, VA
November 27th, 1862

Dear Parents and Sister:

As this is Thanksgiving Day in NH, I thought I would write you a few lines & let you know how we in “Secessia” enjoyed our Thanksgiving. We were relieved from all day duty today as we wanted to enjoy our Thanksgiving; we have done so. Alden Farrar, Joseph Modica & myself, tent together. Alden went out and got some Cabbage & turnip & we have bought so potatoes at 15 cents pr. doz. quite small at that & had a grand boiled dish for Thanksgiving. Oh; we had squash vinegar & pepper. I tell you I enjoy my supper well. We all
are freing something good for Supper Some one thing and some another (we all cook our own
rations & have been since we left Pleasant Valley). Soup, fritters, hominy, &c &c I hulled about
a quart of corn to-day it is tip top. This afternoon I went out a scouting to see what I could find
good to eat find at all the houses nothing but cornmeal &c No men to be seen all of in the Rebel
Army, I found one real secesh woman I asked her if she had anything to sell? No. The soldiers
got all Who says I the Rebels; Yes, but she did not like to hear them called Rebels I told her they
were Rebels they had rebeled against the best government under heaven She thought they could
have as good one of their own. We came to this place a week ago yesterday we
have had two severe rain storms since it is muddy enough after a rain today has been very pleasant.
We are expecting to move on towards Richmond soon. I don't see what we wait here for I guess we are almost all the rebels the other side of the river. But probably Old Bumby is mangling all things right. Did you receive two letters from me one written the day it snowed & the other with three weeks in it. Did you receive some sugars about while at Pleasant Valley? We got a mail last Sunday got a letter from your Daines & Mrs. Strate. Delivered that personal with you and me a letter with the account of our fight at Shiloh.
have had two severe rainstorms since it is muddy enough after a rain. To-day has been very pleasant. We are expecting to move on to-wards Richmond soon. I don’t see what we wait here for I guess we can whip all the Rebels the other side of the River. But probably Old “Burny” is managing all things right. Did you receive two letters from me, one the day it snowed & the other with three sheets in it? Did you receive some songs I sent while at Pleasant Valley? We got a mail last Friday got a letter from you James & Mrs. Choate. I received that Journal will you send me a paper with an account of our fight at Sulpher
I hope you did not know where I was when you wrote your letter. Dear, tell me where I was I was in cricket that night or cold can starlight it was to. I was sorry to hear Father had got so badly hurt but you can be no getting along.

I heard you were going to Texas there. Please write me so I can direct right to them. Tell Ed Kendall I am going to write to him as soon as some can get time. It takes me most of the time these hot days to write, but I cannot wait. I want you to make me one long list of things such as I cannot get. And I need to tell you to feel there is better for me to make many of the things. And me an and no hang the some war ending a few little bits of leather for patches I want you to put in a letter some cinnamon or ground cloves or some nutmeg and the sugar to the things soon. I think, I would some more than this year change.
Springs. You said you did not know where I was when you were writing your letter. I can tell you where I was I was on picket that night & a cold clear starlight night it was too. I was sorry to hear father got so badly hurt but you say he is getting along [indecipherable] going to Texas then Please write me so I can direct right to them. Tell Ed Kendall I am going to write to him as soon as I get the time it takes me most of the time these short days to eat & drill. I want you to write me one [indecipherable]. Send me an awl sewing awl (no handle some wax ends & a few little slits of leather for patches I want you to put in a letter some cinnamon or ground gloves or nut meg send the pepper & the other things soon In a letter I would like some more stamps & some change. “Scrip” money is no good unless it is a change. If you can’t get change send a lot of postage stamps Hoping you have enjoyed a good thanksgiving & supper.

W.J. Templeton