Camp Chase, Arlington Heights
Washington, D.C. Sept. 20th, 1862

Dear Sister:

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I have been quite well since I came from Concord. I never felt any better, my throat
is growing better. I don't think we are so liable to take cold as in N. Pa. for the nights are not so chilly. The days are rather warm, but the heat is so steady we don't mind it as much as in Concord. I did not know that we were on Arlington Heights when I wrote you last. I now learn we are. Within a few miles of our encampment was Gen. Lee's plantation in his orchard I saw what were splendid apple and peach trees; but now the hickory and hawthorn limbs are all bitten off by the Cooleys horses, which have been sheltered under these trees. It will require a good many years to bring the section of the country into such a flourishing condition as before the War. We are now in the midst of a great city.
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of troops, if we look in any direction we can see nothing but the white tents of regiments. Some are infantry, some cavalry, some artillery, and one or two pontoon bridge corps. Yesterday a reg. of Bou aver's Reg from Penn, came in they looked very savage with their red Indian style caps red pants and striped jacket. They are camped directly east of us. Yesterday Cos. C & D dug a well and to-day we have raised an old well to draw the water with, the last well looks real New England style.

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I suppose you got those photographs I sent home I sent them by Frank Hatch I forgot to send them in the valise. I sent thirteen. Please send one to Josephine, one to Mrs Choate one to Madison, one to William Davis in
Newport. Give one to Ed. Kendall and one to me in your letter for I want to send it to John Dymonds. I guess you may send three to Madison he may give William Johnston one, the others you had better keep for the present or do what you choose with them. I got a letter from Madison last night he had received my letter on the 2nd last Monday. They were all well. Shear drafting has commenced in NYC. Write me who are drafted in N&H Hillsboro. I shall probably send home a box with the other boys and put in some clothes I can't carry. Must send our overcoats home as our rubber and woolen blankets are sufficient. The trouble is we have too much to carry.

The orders of the day, these roll call at sunrise, breakfast at 6½ o'clock. Drill from
Newport. Give one to Ed Kendall send one to me in your letter for I want to send one to John Symonds. I guess you may send three to Madison he may give William Johnston one. the others you had better keep for the present or do what you choose with them. I got a letter from Madison last night he received my letter last monday. they were all well. I hear drafting has commenced in NH. Write me who are drafted in Hillsboro. I will probably send a box with the other boys and put it in some clothes I can’t carry. We intend to send our overcoats home as our rubber and woolen blankets are sufficient the trouble is we have too much to carry. The orders of the day are these roll calls at sunrise breakfast at 6 ½ o’clock, drill from
8 to 10 A.M. dinner at half past 12
will again meet three to five o'clock beside
from 5 to 6 clock supper at 6, roll
call again at half past 8. Tell any one
coming out here to provide themselves
with a good rubber blanket; one without
seams so as to be as light as possible
$3 and $3.50 for mine. Recruits are
apt to bring too much stuff for it has
all got to be carried on the back. Officers
brought out great trunks but can't take
anything but a robe. It seems that
the tide of victory has turned in favor
of the Union forces, and Rebellion is
fast succumbing to the overwhelming
forces soon to be participated in
them. The 21nd N.H. says the Rebels
have got into the field all armed, all
the forces they can muster, they say
they would not wonder if we were all
at home in the course of 6 months.
There are 20000 or men within the sound
of a cannon's voice, ready to
8 to 10 AM. dinner at half past 12 drill again from three to five, dress parade from 5 to 6 o’clock, supper at 6, roll call again at half past 8. Tell anyone coming out here to provide themselves with a good rubber blanket, one without seams so as to be as light as possible I paid $3.50 for mine. Recruits are apt to bring to much stuff for it has all got to be carried on the back. Officers brought out great trunks but can’t take anything but a valise. It seems that the tide of victory has turned in favor of the Union forces and Rebellion is fast succumbing to the overwhelming forces soon to be participated upon them. The 2d NH boys sat the Rebels have got into the field all or nearly all the forces they can muster. they say they would not wonder if we were all at home in the course of 6 months There are 200,000 men within the sound of a canon’s voice, ready to
march on to the Rehoboth with a
moment's notice. The Phillibow boys are
well and in good spirits. Our Regiment
only one that has a band attached to it.
We have excellent music at our dress
parades, the boys love our Regiment;
in many places they can't have a
band. Our Band enlisted as privates,
I was killing some Ross. The boys
were greatly surprised, some said
they wished they had gone to NC
and enlisted.

I send a two dollar bill
and a ten cent stamp which I
find difficulty here you may send me ro like
stamps. Was that good brandy I sent
you? I paid enough for it to be good
and want all that money he can get it. If he can't
get it send it to James in Boston. He can
put it in the savings Bank. I suppose
we shall be paid off once in two months
1/2 month
8/ will be sent to Father at the same time
we are paid off. Jabez Fletcher has fined
that dream. How does the crock drawn
out in H.? Please write soon direct to the
11th Regt. N.Y.V. Co E Washington D.C.

Affectionately Yours W.J. Drumblionn.
march on to the Rebeldon at a moments notice. The Hillsboro boys are well and in good spirits. Our Reg is the only one here that has a band attached to it. We have excellent music at our dress parades, the boys in the other Reg’s complain that they can’t have a band. Our Band enlisted as privates. I was sitting some Penn. boys what bounties we received they were greatly surprised some said they wished they had gone to NH and enlisted.

I send a two dollar bill and a ten ct stamp which pass with difficulty here you man send me 10 letters stamps I paid enough for it to be good Has Father bot that land yet if he don’t want all that money he can let it be, if he can’t let it send it to James in Boston he can put it in the savings Bank. I suppose we shall be paid off once in two months $9 pr month will be sent to Father at the same time we are paid off. I hope Mother has fixed that drean. How does the crops turn out in H? Please write soon direct to the 11th Reg. N.H.V. Co. D Washington D.C.

Affectionately yours W.J. Templeton