Camp near London, Yg.
Sept 27th, 1863

Dear Sister:

I direct this letter to B., supposing you are now there.

I have received all of your letters up to Sept. 11th, the last which came Monday, and I have written an answer. The furloughs for the boy came after we had marched 18 miles from Crab Orchard. I did not send my valise as it was at the time Herron (not Harrison) left, packed on the head-quarter teams and could not be got. I don’t know whether he will bring the things or not. If not shall try and get them out some other way. I got to tell Mother to send the picture by Jody C. Cogwell (Capt. is brother) as if you write home tell her to send
Dear Sister:

I direct this letter to B. supposing you are now there I have received all of your letters up to Sept. 11\textsuperscript{th} the last, which came Monday, and I have written an answer. The furloughs for the boys came after we had marched 15 miles from Crab Orchard. I did not send my valise as it was at the time Ferren (not Farrar) left, pocked on the Head Quarter teams and could not be got. I don’t know whether he will bring the things or not. If not shall try and get them out some other way. I forgot to tell Mother to send the picture by Fitz Cogswell (Capts brother) so if you write home tell her to and
them, probably however she will think of them. Did you take those rebel papers to James? The bundle
of relics sent by express in a box the Messmer boys were sending home.
Here is a little trunk I wish to give to Emma in it, also a Confederate Bible I give to James, both of which I found in Jackson. He writing on the front page hastily wrote as we were jolting along through Indiana, I then expected to send the bundle by Briggs, but missed him. The other thing I will write on a bit of paper which you will please send to Mother so I forgot to enumerate the articles in my last. Did you call at Hoppett?

Received a letter last week from James Abbot saying George had spent his vacation with his Aunt Josefine and that she had a fine little farm James also wrote they that had had an addition to their family.
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articles in my last. Did you call at Hooksett?

I received a letter last week from James A Choate saying George had spent his vacation
with his Aunt Josephine and that she had a fine little form James also wrote they had had an
addition to their family
a little girl now about 6 weeks old
Mrs. Childs wrote they all thought
everything of her as much as though
she were the first or second instead
of the ninth. I suppose you and
Emma are enjoying yourselves finely
in the goodly city of Boston
I would like to droth in at No. 67
Brighton, and see what you and
Emma are up to. I can imagine
how Emma's eyes will sparkle and
her rosy cheeks glow when telling of
the nice strawberries she has picked
and eaten and the nice time she
has had feeding hens and chickens
pigs and kittens up in Rocky old
Hillsboro. I received James's letter
of Sept. 1st and have not had
time to write an answer not
knowing whether he is now in N Y
or Boston concluded not to hurry
ill I heard of his whereabouts
I hope you will find employment
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I would like to drop in at No 59 Brighton and see what you and Emma are up to. I can imagine how Emma’s eyes will sparkle and her rosy cheeks glow when telling of the nice strawberries she has picked and eaten and the nice time she has had feeding hens and chickens, pigs and kittens up in rocky old Hillsboro. I received James’ letter of Sept 1st and have not had time to write an answer not knowing whether he is now in NY or Boston I heard of his whereabouts I hope you will find employment
and enjoy good health in Boston this winter. I suppose the Boston people are watching the news from here, Rosecrans and Burnside's armies. The news all must go to Cincinnati and it takes 36 hours for a paper to come back. I am rejoiced that the news is so far favorable to the Union cause, we feel intense interest in the issue for if the rebels are triumphant there is another year of hard fighting and marching and suffering in store for us. On the contrary if our armies are victorious we shall probably not get further south than Ky. But whatever may be the result we shall be prepared for the worst if the war as to last another year we shall fight on with the same determination to conquer we must and conquer we will. No matter how definitely rebels fight in the south or copperhead threaten in the north.
and enjoy good health in Boston this winter. I suppose the Boston people are watching the news from below here, Rosecrans and Burnside’s armies You probably get the news 36 hours before us although the despatches from Burnside army all pass over the telegraph wires within 20 rods of our camp. The news all must go to Cincinnati and it takes 36 hours for a paper to come back. I am rejoiced that the news is so far favorable to the Union cause, we feel intense interest in the issue for if the rebels are triumphant there is another years hard fighting and marching and toiling in store for us. On the contrary if our armies are victorious we shall probably not get further south than KY. But whatever may be the result we shall be prepared for the worst if the war is to last another year we shall fight on with the same determination to conquer we must and conquer we will for right must prevail. No matter how desperately rebels fight in the south or copperheads threaten in the North.