11th Regiment N.H. Volunteers.

Camp near mole
from Leavittown, Ky.
August 21st, 1863

Dear Friend Anna:

I guess you have got most tired waiting for an answer to your kind letter of June 4th. Which I received more than 1000 miles from here. And now I am in Missouri. But still in the same state no better late than never. And now I am and write you an answer to day. I am well, as usual, have been through the hot days of camp and am back in the cool state of Ky.

The first day after arriving here we felt first taste the air seemed so much more pure and the cool breezes so invigorating. But the cool nights has caused us to take more colds so a good many among them feel rather stupid.
Dear Friend Anna:

I guess you have got most tired waiting for an answer to you kind letter of June 4th, which I received more than 1000 miles from here, July 4th way down in Mississippi.

But relying on the maxim better late than never will try and write you and answer to-day. I am well, as usual have been through the hot Miss campaign and got back to the goodly state of Ky.

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But the cool nights has caused us to take severe colds so a good many I among them feel rather stupid.
I expected it would require about a week after getting to get things in hand. The rapid change from a hot to a more mild climate must make one feel different. We had a grand Fourth of July celebration. You can hardly imagine and feelings at receiving a month's mail, with the announcement of the surrender of Vicksburg was joyous news enough for one day. And though we commenced our march towards Jackson and camped after dark in a cornfield. The Fourth was a day of enjoyment to us. However, what I done Election day. I was washing in the forenoon about 10 o'clock our orders came to be ready to march immediately being atStanford we packed all of our worldly goods on our backs and started, being greatly surprised that our route lay north, for we thought we were going to Beune reached Manchester.
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at 8 in the evening and Nicholasville the next evening where we took the cars for Richmond. Doubtless you are now
harvesting green corn blackberries &c. Which are “plowed out” with us blackberries were all dried up before we left this. We are in a fine place
now on the bank of the Michigan river.
We can cross the river to Cincinnati
any time I went over last Monday and put in three papers for father.
I am going tomorrow if nothing
happens and shall get some pictures
taken shall send them home soon.
We expect to take the cars for Nicholas-
ville about next Sunday. The Vth
army Corps are going to have a rest
at Richmond Bridge &c. and I know
all of a Co. can be absent on a furlough
at one time. But I think I shan’t go
home till we put down this rebellion
Then will go home for good.
Suppose Frank Russell has got
at 8 in the evening and Nickolsville the next evening where we took the cars for Vicksburg. Doubtless you are now luxurating on green corn blackberries &c Which are “played out” with us blackberries were all dried up before we left Miss We are in a fine place now on the bank of the Leickan river

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Then will go home for good

I suppose Frank Rumrill has got
Home. And you will probably hear a great many stories of the war.
It is said to hear of Charles Melville's death. He had probably been counting the days when he should be on his way home, but alas! he was not permitted to start. It is sad that so many young men are dropping away one by one.

Send you a song which will be perhaps interesting to you.
Thinking you would like a relic which came from Jackson City.
I send you a thimble I found in a store when we captured the place.

Shall be happy to hear from you, often don't be discouraged if don't answer promptly for a letter from anyone in N.C. is a welcome visitor to me. Support before this reaches you.

Shall the 23 miles further south. It is now about a year since I am home from Concord on a furlough since then I have been in two battles have traveled by sea & land about 5000 miles far in 17 different states of the Union. And the year closes with the rebellion pretty well tramped out but the mail goes on.

John W. Torrey
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Good Buy

W. J. Templeton

I enclose this in a rebel envelope so you can see what kind of stuff they use the card I found in a splendid house in J. where there were two nice pianas?