



11th Regiment N. H. Volunteers.

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Camp one mile  
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August 21<sup>st</sup> 1863

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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 pianos?