

lot of things at home. I don't know how to
change. If you can't get change send it
to me. I'll send it to you. I'll send it to you.
Near Fredericksburg Va Nov 28th

Dear Parents & Sister:

As this is
Thanksgiving Day in N.Y. I
thought I must write you a few
lines & let you know how we are
"Dessert" enjoy our Thanksgiving
We were relieved from all duty
to-day as we wanted to enjoy our
Thanksgiving. we have done so
Alden Howard, Joseph Woodcock &
myself. Went together to Alden
market and got some
cabbage & turnips & we have
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doz. quite small at that &
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for Thanksgiving. Oh! We had
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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
fixing up something good
for supper I've one thing some
another (We all cook our own
rations & have since we left Pleasant
Valley) Soup, flitters, honey &c &c
I had about a quart of corn
to day it is like top. This afternoon
I went out a scouting to see what
I could find good to eat find
at all the houses nothing but
corn meal &c No men to be
seen all of in the Rebel army. I found
one real sweet woman. Asked
her if she had anything to sell?
No. The soldiers got all who caught
the Rebels; but she did not
like to hear them called Rebels
I told her they were Rebels
they had rebelled against the best
government under heaven. She
thought they could have as good
one of their own. We came to
this place week ago yesterday we

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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

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We are expecting to move on
towards Richmond soon I
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the Rebels the other side of
the River. But probably Old
"Burns" is manging all things
right. Did you receive two
letters from me one written
the day it snowed & the other
with three sheets in it?

Did you receive some songs
I sent white at Pleasant
Killy? We got a mail
last Sunday got a letter from
you James & Mrs. Choate
I received that parcel with
you sent me a paper with the
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know where I was when you were
writing your letter. I can tell you
where I was I was I was on picket
that night & a cold clear starlight
night it was too. I was sorry to
hear Father had got so badly
hurt but you say he is getting along
all right. I am going to Texas then I please write
me so I can direct right to them
Tell Ed Kenton I am going to write
to him as soon as can get time it
takes me most of the time these short
days to get out. I don't want you
to make one one of your good dresses
such as you might want me by
need not put any more sewing in it
to be better. I and me an awl no
than all some was ends a few little
bits of leather for patches I want you to
put in a letter some cinnamon or
ground cloves or some nutmeg send the
peppers the other things soon in a letter
I would some more stamps & over change

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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 cloves or nutmeg 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.

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