

Aug 17, 1862

if you should write
to me as soon as you get
this which I hope you
will direct to Darius &
Richard, Camp Howard, ~~La.~~ B.
~~Aug~~ 19th Aug Bath Maine

from your
affectionate Brother

Darius & Richard

Aug 17th 1862
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Bath, Camp, Howard. Aug 17th, 1862
Dear Brother, and sister,
having an opportunity
I thought, I would write a
few lines to you. it has
been some time since I ^{have} heard
from you. I am well, and hope
this will find you and yours,
the same. I have enlisted in
the 19 reg't, which is now in
Bath. I came here, two weeks
ago yesterday. I like first rate
so far, although, our rations
are rather poor. We expect
to leave here, before long,
for the south; and I don't
care how soon the reg't is
about full, and I suppose as
soon as it is full, we shall
leave.

Aug 17, 1863

Almon, I did intend to come
up and see you before now,
but have failed to do so, but
it is, to late now, untill
this war is settled up, but
if I live, to return, I mean
to come, and make you a
visit, and perhaps settle your
vicinity, I should be very
glad, to see you and your
family, but dont know as
that will ever be, but Almon
I want you to write to me
as oftend as you can and I
will try and answer your letters
I have bought a small farm
in Sineolville, it going
to Father, it is a part of the
John Myours farm,
probably, you have some recd
lection of it, it is the old
lot that the buildings are
on

and Joel, I Richards, lives
on it, I suppose he will
stay, and carry it on, untill
I return, if that should ever
be, he was over here last
Thursday, and Friday, he said
the folks were all well at
home, he said that Farnham
was up to Sineolville ^{2 weeks ago} and
buried his youngest child.

Almon when you write
I want you to tell me what
you think about this war
for I dont see, as it is
any nearer a close, than it
was, a year and a half ago.
but I must close this, and
write a line, to Farnham, I am
going to enclose a small ~~photograph~~
miniature ~~in this~~ letter of my
own likeness, for you
so no more at this time