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get time to answer it while I was
at the Regt, from the fact that
we were marching & fighting, the
most of the 43 days that I was
with them. And since I have
been here, I have not been able
to write much, and so you must
excuse me this time, and I will
try and do better in the future.

The news you all receive
is encouraging. I am of your opin-
ion, that we have sacrificed too much
to accept of any kind of peace, except
that, obtained at the point of the
bayonet! The rebels must & will
be made to lay down their arms,
before we can have an honorable peace.

Almon, I expect that my wound
will disable me for life, for hard
labor; I expect that I could get my
discharge most any time, when Almon
is mind to take it. And if I was
sure of getting some kind of pension

(or employment)

labor, so as to earn as much as I
am now getting, I would not hesitate
about taking it. I want you to give
me your advice what to do, and at the same
time know if there are any chances for a
disabled Soldier, to get employment
in your vicinity. If I was able,
I would gladly return to my Regt;
but I do not like the idea of laying

around a Hospital 10 months that it is
very dull music for me. I am
one of that stamp that could never
content myself to be still, when
I am able to move about.

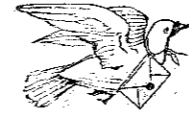
I think I shall not refuse my
discharge, more than once, but you
need not let my folks in Spain-
colville & Camden, know, that
I have the least idea of getting
it. But I want you to tell
me just what you should do, if
you was in my place.

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The weather here in
Washington, is very
fine of late. Clear & cool.
I would like to have you
write me a good long letter.
Tell me how you are getting along
and your command is. Let me know
if you are able to do any work.
Direct as before.
My best regards to your
wife & family, all are
included. Yours affectionately

Darius

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sends this as the Soldier's messenger to his Home. Let it hasten to those who wait for tidings.

"Behold! now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

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Army, Hospital Oct 17th/64

My dear Brother,

News of the 12th
has just come to hand. I was truly
glad to hear from you, and to hear that
you & family were well. I received a
severe wound, on the 15th of August, in
the battle of Passapatan Station, but
am doing well, and I guess if I am
careful, I shall live through it. I had
said, that I shall never be able to do
any more active duty, or hard labor. I say
my wound is a very dangerous one, and if I
should take ^{a chill} cold, I could not live 10
days. My wound was sealed up, but
my lungs & side are very sore &
I have yet to pain me & will be long
before I can get on my feet. I received a letter from you on
the 12th of August (the day of your Regt's
departure) but could not