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Camp Adirondack Washington Aug. 16/63 Dear Wife yours came yesterday with welcome, you with joy. It is the best food I get during the whole week, to hear from home, the loved and cherished ones, those whom my mind is ever on. Every sentence of love sends joy to my heart, every line which tells of sickness and pain, sadness. I see you all each day in my minds eye, but Henry I cannot tell how he looks if he was a girl I could, but a boy, my boy, I cannot imagine how he will look, he will be one of the greatest curiosities to me that Oakham affords. I imagine he will be afraid of me, how strange, ones own child in fear will flee when his own Father seeks to love it and fold it in to his breast, since I have indulged the hope of going home, the desire is great. It is almost a year since I enlisted, does it seem possible we have been separated so long. But I think I have been remarkably forward thus far & as things look I do not think we shall ever be called into battle. I do hope for your sakes I shall not, for I

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hope for many years of happiness with you; after all the trials we have passed through, we shall be better prepared to enjoy the future of life, if we improve the lessons of the past. All things seem to be quiet in camp. It is very warm to day. Mr Reynolds and Ward started for Keene Friday, they took my coat, I expect Collins to start from there Wednesday next, I told them to fix it and send it back by them, Holbrook from our Com. starts this afternoon on a furlough of 10 days, there is a great rush for furloughs; after some of them get back I will try my luck. I do not feel quite as well to day as usual. I have only \$1.50 left. I buy some butter, but of late have bought considerable milk, as I could, eat but little else, but I have to pay 10ó a quart. If I go home I shall buy a tiket to Worcester, which I think will cost about \$10. it is \$9. to Springfield. If your Mother can just as well keep those cheeses, she had better untill I come on, as it will cost me nothing to get them on there, and, the boys are rather short of money just now, still I think I can sell them, what are they worth there? There are considerable

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enemy sick now in camp. Lieut. Phelps of Co. .F is quite sick of Typhoid fever. Capt Combs has been sick for a day or two. I send you a pa--per which has some beautiful poetry in it which I send expressly to you "The confession" is one; the piece written by Gen. Wallace I think is splendid. A. Wards letter to the Prince of Wales is good, but I think I cannot agree with him wholly about managing wives, he has come to the conclusion it is not the best way to let them do about as they are a mind to, but I don't; the "certainty" part, I think is perfectly correct, on the whole there is a good deal of good reading in the paper; the Edito--rial of Jeffs message I want you to read. Eve. The band have just played some Marshall music. Oh, little does it seem like the Sabbath. I have been on duty all day, and now, no fond loving wife and daughter to sit beside, and make the clos--ing hours of day, seem like a heaven below. Instead of prayer and praise and the good old hymns you use to sing, I hear nothing but cussing and boistrous laugh, and obscene talk, how sick

it Desence as though I Should I can af 12 ac nappen 1 Could schy be alone fornest und conners, with Mature & adure gad. Monday mosa Certit was herry seals during the neight, his provends Could be mande all over camp, but full Martino many What here duce the stage averster for Deckneum is Ture a state Cound for 'dance in the motioner. 1. Thayer came bush ford days ugo und I want on checky he is going & go in the What Rey and quintal The brues a to proper Sickness - Lan Cell them will be better, a little less labour und bette redevus, It is a little coolen this more and has little little "laine. but just mites the o're d'econes be breaking through the clauds. Our Adgt, is Siek also Quarter muster Sgt, Adgt, Clark, curche lots of others, but to day I am fuling methy well, I take the west care of maple and hope to escape Sisteress, it is a nasol place to be Look get on fature fand and and they are Sich untill will not adonit Their case has been so long, that had ourly is might L'ble, one reason is, so meny are contamally hearing sich to get rid of duty and the and wat shill enough to detect the conderfit I am sushy about your horse failing no his ters landing b, which gives you to understand And will be Less, that to what ich by what you move fleugnes our morless he Ciell for succe

I am of it, it seems as though I should be happy if I could only be alone in the deep forrest and, converse with Nature & Natures God. Monday morn. Capt Combs was very sick during the night, his groans could be heard all over camp, but feels better this morning. What time does the Stage leave Worcester for Oakham, is there a stage that leaves for Barre in the morning. Doct. Thayer came back four days ago, and is now on duty, he is going to give the soldiers whiskey and quinine three times a day to prevent sickness. I can tell them what will be better, a little less labour and better rations. It is a little cooler this morn and looks a little like rain, but just now the sun seemes to be breaking through the clouds. Our Adjt,, is sick also Quartermaster Sgt,, Adgts,, Clark, and lots of others, but to day I am feeling pretty well, I take the best care of myself possible and hope to escape sickness, it is a hard place to be sick for you get no good care, and the Doct will not admit they are sick, until their case has run so long, that recovery is impo--sible, one reason is, so many are continually playing sick to get rid of duty, and the Doct. has not skill enough to detect the counterfit. I am sorry about your horse failing in his understandings, which gives you to understand that your rides will be less, that is what I under--stand by what you wrote. Haynes is most sick all worn out by labour, unless he can rest, I fear he will be sick, but the call for men is great & the heat wilts them down

## [CROSHATCHED ON UPPER PORTION OF THIRD AND SECOND PAGE BREAK]

I hope Floras eye will get entirely well before I come home, so we can go out with you in the woods picking

berreys. Give my love to Mother and all the rest of our folks. Adams had another shirt come yesterday.

Capt 8 ch\_I think you had better send mine by mail. as I would like to ware them, I shall not bring my things home

that I do not want to wear. Mrs. Haynes writes that she thinks of going to Keene again.

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It is meal time, and I must close, write often, with much love to you all, I am your affectionate Husband J. Henry Jenks.