

12th New-Hampshire Regiment,

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Deeres May

I hope you will excuse me for writing you so often but as I have got a few minutes to spare just now I thought I would write you a few words althow I have no particular news to write. We have had one thing new here this morning that is a good rain it rained a little yesterday but this morning about two it commenced in earnest it rained a bout as hard as ever I saw it for an hour or so some of the Boys had two to four inches of water to lay in I hapend to be one of the lucky ones the rain did not disturb us in our tent at all.

I have a good mess to tent with I believe I told you their names

Dexter Lane Whiter & Clark
all Corporals we call it Company
or Tent Corporall. Dexter Lane
& Whiter take turns in reading a
Chapter in the Bible and offering
Prayers. every night. we have every
thing all quiet by our selves
well we were out on review last
night at about 5 and while we
were out a mesinger come to the
Cool with orders for us to prepare
move immediately for Fredrick
City Maryland well we can
right in and packed every thing
ready for a start and now it is
half past nine next day and we
have not got the word to start
yet but we expect every moment
to start I suppose we shall go
to Washington and take the cars
there and I expect we shall
go by the way of Ballston
and cant tell certainly

It is a wet nasty day here
rains a little this clay soil
makes a regular ponding to walk
in we got our Carriage boxes filled
with Carriages last night a good
maney of the Boys thought they
were going in to the fight to day
sun. we have got nothing but
smooth bore guns. so if we do any
thing at all in fighting we have
got to do it at close range.

I have not seen any thing more of
William I understand that
the 1st 2^d was going home
to recruit up and 2 or 3 other
of the 1st regiments if that
is so I think the Mas first
will do the same I hope so at
any rate. I believe this makes
Sen 12 or 13 letters I have written
since I left Concord. I have received
just one letter I think that
is a little to bad it is two

Be sure and write tell you to write

weeks to days. Since we left Concord
Tell Josie and Grace that they
must be sure and write to Papa
and write all the news they can
think of. They are sending of the
sick ones to day over to Washington
to the hospitals there is quite a
lot on the sick list one sick
with Typhoid fever most of them
are troubled with the diarrhea
I have had it most of the time
since I have been here but I
am pretty well now. It is quite
cool to day, the Baltimore Cliper
of this morning say the rebels occupied
Chambersburg, Pennsylvania yesterday
I wish you would send me a Boston
Journal once in a while and a
pictorial and if you get a paper
that has Goodwin account of Seney
in it I wish you would send it to
me I suppose you are up to your ears
in business to day ^{you are} Good Day
BB Clark