



TWELFTH NEW-HAMPSHIRE REGIMENT.

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My Dear Daughters Josie & Grace

I have just received a letter from mother. She says that you and Grace feel very bad that Father is off to war and is going to stay so long away from home. Well Josie I should like to Com home and see you but I cannot do that now and perhaps I never shall. but if God in his good ness wills ^{it} that I should live through the war and com home safe then we should all be glad that I went to the war. and you and Grace will feel proud to say that your Father was in the war and helped put down this woked rebellion. I suppose you and Grace are very good girls while Father is a way. You must go to school and

try and learn all you can study you all
lessons and when you are at home you
must be good girls and not scold each
other as you have sometime when I was at
home. When you by any means happen
to feel a little cross you must think
of me of on the battle field. and
me in the tents. here far away from
home and from you that I love so well
you must think better of it then and
try and do the best you can. You
must be good to little Fred
and keep him out of all harm
you must be good to little Fanny
How much I could see her and all
of you. you must take care of
her so that mother can write som
wong letters to me and write often
and I want you to write me a long
lette and Grace I want you both
to write and send it in mothers
letters and tell me how you
like living in Franklins

How do you like the new house
you live in. I suppose you have
plenty of good things to eat at
home I should like one of mothers
good Apple bucket with lemon
sauce I suppose you have plenty
of apples now dont you. I get one
one in a while but I have to pay
5 cent for 2 apples so you see I cannot
aford to eat a great many of them.
Would you like to know about
what I get to eat out here. We dont
live quite so well as you do at home.
The best thing we get is our bread
that is pretty good the most we
get now we have all we want of
that but we dont have any butter
to put on it sometimes we get lard
oil to put on it but we dont
always get that some times we get some
sugar to eat on it but not often.
Then next best is the baked
beans. once in a while we get some

that are baked very good but
most of the time they are nothing
but stewed and often smoked so
that we can hardly eat them at all
the last two or three times we have
had them baked very well. and
I guess that we shall have our stuff
cooked a little better in future
for we have got a new cook and
we have raised somewhere about
16 dollars to buy some kettles to
make coffee. and boil our rice in
and cook our vitules in. Well we had
boiled rice for dinner to day, and had
melted sugar to eat on it and had
boiled rice and molasses for supper
for breakfast we had some raw salt
forks and bread coffee without
sugar or milk. but I have got to
that I can eat most every thing now
a days. I sent you a little paper that our
chaplain gave me to send home to the children
but in some thing for paper in the box when mother
sends it tell mother to hurry up and send it and
perhaps I shall get it before we leave this camp

I am and

walks on and send

The good old good night

from your father