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Letter from Thomas S. Armstrong to Francis P. Porter

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Warwick O.

Aug 24th 1862

Dear Friend Frank

When I came home I found a letter from you I will come up as soon as I can, I am very busy now & have been since I left school we are doing what we can to save our county from a draft In this neighborhood in fact in nearly all this end of the county I have not heard from the west end I presume you know that we have undertaken the 12 2nd Regt. O.V.V. The military committee saw fit to put me on the list among the commissions I tried to serve my country for 6 months as a soldier I dont know as she will let me off with what I have done

All last week I have been
recruiting to night meetings
& Rev. Mr. Cook held one
in Norwich I have got 10
or 11 men so far. We will
get more to night I think

I am well, so are all
the friends. My health is
very good I weigh more
than ordinarily

I will come up as soon
as I can Business has
the best now. Our country
calls & what can we do
but enlist O this draft
A disgrace. Men being forced
into serving their country by
drafting. How more nobly
did the old 78th for men them
selves last fall to oppose
Rebels. I tell you that
I look upon those old
volunteers as Heroes

and Heroes they are
God Bless them they deserve
our best feelings Bravellows
that they are

Will let me hear from you
soon War is upon us &
what must we do

I say put down the war
then Life will be life but
who could live & others in
the field fighting for me
I don't relish the idea
If we fail in the Regiment
or in the Company I don't
know what

Let me hear from
you
S. S. Armstrong

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August 24, 1862

Norwich O. Aug 24th 1862

Dear Friend Frank

When I came home I found a letter a letter from you. I will come as soon as I can. I am very busy now & have been since I left school. We are doing what we can to save our country from a draft in this neighborhood. In fact nearly all of this end of the county. I have not heard from the west end. I presume you know thus we have undertaken the 122nd O.V.I. The military committee saw fit to put me on the list of commissions. I tried to serve my country as a soldier. I don't know as she will let me off with what I have done.

All last week I was recruiting. Tonight, _____ & Rev C C McCabe hold on in Norwich. I have got 10 or 11 men so far. We will get more tonight. I think I am well. So are all the friends. My health is good. I weight more than ordinarily.

I will come up as soon as I can. Business has the lead now. Our country calls & what can we do but enlist. O this draft is a disgrace. Men being forced into serving their country by drafting. How more nobly did the old 78th form themselves last fall to oppose Rebels. I tell you I look upon those old volunteers as heroes and heroes they are. God bless them. They deserve our best feelings. Brave fellows that they are.

Well let me hear from you soon. War is upon us & what we must do I say put down the war their life will be life, but who could _____ & others in the field fighting for me. I don't relish the idea. If we fail in this request or in this Company, I don't know what.

Let me hear from you.

Farewell.

T.S. Armstrong