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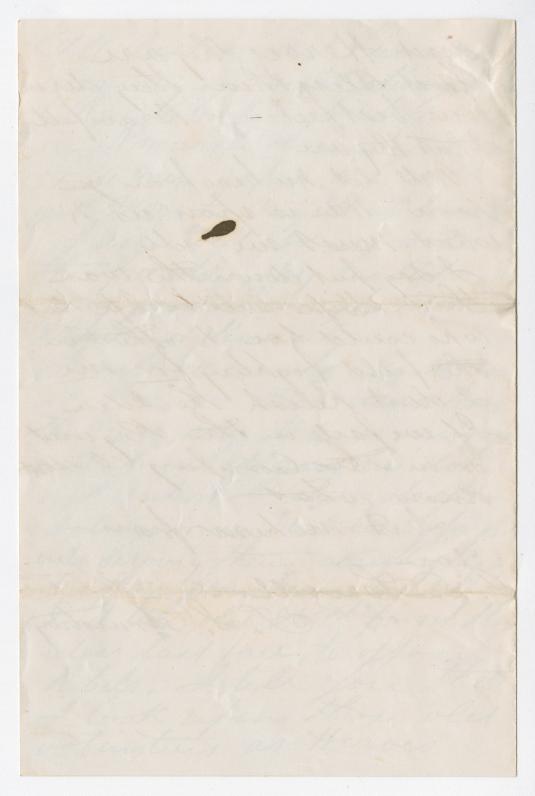
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Norwich O. Drus Frund Frank When & from you I will come up as soon as f. eun, Jam very Busy now & have been suce I left school we are doing what we can to save our county from a draft In This neighborhood in fact in nearly all this and of the County I have not heard from The west and I presum you Know thus we have underlaken the 12.2 nd Key, O. V. t. The hul - itary committee sawfit to put me on the list among the com missions of trued to Lerve my country for 6 months as a Soldie I don't know as she will let me off with what I have done

All last week & have was and Keroes they are God Bless them they derser recruiting To might Meaguries I How le le Me Cahe hold one That they are Well let he hear from you in Norwich & have got to or 11 men Sufan the will get More to myth I think Loow War is whom us & Fann well, so are all what must we do The frends, My health is I day but down The war very good & weigh more Her Life will be life But Than ordinarily who could have & offer in Froil come uf as soon The field fighting for me as Four Bus mess has I don't Kelish the Ldea The lead now, Our county If we fail in the Requisit calls & what can we dot or in the Company I don't but whist this drops drow what Let me hear form A dragnace, men being forced You Farivell Tol. Armstry into serving their country by drafting How here holy Did the old 98 to for me then Selves last fall to ofform the I look upon those old voluntury as Heroes



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