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leve to Comfort our Dear parents in the decline The letters come this in about 24 hours now. I do of life. Or all you can to make them comfortable not think you have for gotten me. Favile by to write Visver give way to anger as anger shortens life. Now often I shall not forget to pray for myself abuse yourself & you will add length of days I have no doubt That when Father reads a chapt to thy many other Blessings. We have had an the Hook Beble & Kneels down with mother Some Inow There has been Some cold weather and all the rest of the family around The Family I am glad Cousin Enos is likely love cover & altar That prayers ascend to On Hugh for the and glad That Cousin Spence remembers you. preser vation of the absent Son & Bro, in the Tell mother to tak That other alure of our departed army and likely a Dear Brother in Heeaven may look on the scene & possibly may visit Grand Brother and give a description of it & lett The of the likenesses good I what memories that the absent one while he has down to sleep on face brings up and you write to me her Exact his blanket with nothing but his link believen Tim and the bough Blast I am glad you words. I read your letter to the Nowinch Boys. Oupon Gary's wife may take This lette to Ohio pray for me Bro "Every might as regular as the night comes " Fami fory that so many of I in many letter you will find a description of what I want By Express, I will lelt you our neighbor's Sons are dying in the army. Well man dies at home as well as in the army what articles I want I want a pair of heavy It is the lot of man to be mortal. Double foled Boots my measure is in my War Sam glad Heunson has met the first Deary in the Back part. I want forminis art of war" you canget it at Beer & Heurd's Book Ston January reward for his many noble traits I shall respect Lend me 20 lbs of Butter of you can get it for That man as long as the He Saved my light. Sam glad the Sheep are doingwell less than 20 cts per bb. Some paper Enveland hop you may prosper in your Business open & Stamps

I will say that we are Dulling Considerably Let Bluck has been detailed and is acting Quar lesonable of the 122 Cape Sary goes down to see his west Every Evening. The is going home from and will send the by her I wish you would get dome Jun drabic & Lend mi down of the papers A costs only Ich apiece. I don't get much news. I am aching 1st Terentenant of Eod. Fam on good lerms with the officers Guel men. I got my Bob Books mender to day thy are all going fast repling & I shall Level you a sketch of camp Jessi As it is called her ofthe Mrs Fremont WE can bee right over into many lunely I want you to with doon I tell all the all things that go on at home what you sat to I get good Substan hat food. My love to all From Jour Bu I Samston Remember me to miss Peck





## November 26, 1862

Addressed to Jacob G. Armstrong, Esq.

Norwich, Muskingum County, Ohio

New Creek, Hampshire Co., Va.

November 26, 1862

Dear Brother,

Yours dated the 23d inst. and mailed the 24th was received the 25 and read with pleasure. I was exceedingly glad that you were all well. I am well. I am glad L.W.A. Sensibaugh had the accommodation to send you those letters and you read them. I am glad you saw the letter in the Courier. I have also seen it also. We get the Courier to read from Col. Ball.

Yes we have been kept moving from place to place. We are not very well posted on the moves of the U.S. Armies. But it is told that McCabe was told by Gen Milroy that Burnside had gotten into the rear of the Rebels & was 40 miles nearer to Richmond than they. I hope something will be done soon.

Father (Mother not exactly) Mary & Fla went to Quarterly Meeting yesterday & Rev. Gamble's wife along. Hearry writes nearby all the time. His feet have given out nearly, but he is well.

The letters come in about 24 hours now. I do not think you have forgotten me. I will try to write often. I shall not forget to pray for myself. I have no doubt that when Father reads a chapter on the Holy Bible & kneels down with Mother and all the rest of the family around the family altar that prayers ascend to On High for the preservation of the absent son & bro. in the Army and likely a Dear Brother in Heaven may look on the scene & possible may visit the absent one while he lies down to sleep on his blanket with nothing but his tent between him and the Rough Blast. I am glad that you pray for me Bro "every night as regular as the night comes."

I am sorry that so many of our neighbor's sons our dying in the Army. Well man dies at home as well as in the army. It is the lot of man to be mortal.

I am glad Hanson has met his Just Reward for his many noble traits. I shall respect that man as long as I live. He saved my life.

I am glad the sheep are doing well and hope you prosper in your business. Live to comfort our dear parents in the decline of life. Do all you can to make them comfortable. Never give way to anger as anger shortens life. Never abuse yourself & you will add length of days to thy many other blessings.

We have had some snow. There has been some cold weather. I am glad Cousin Enos is likely to recover. I am glad Cousin Spencer remembers you. Tell Mother to take that miniature of our

departed Grandmother and give a description of it & tell me of the likenesses good & what memories that face brings up and you write to me her exact words.

I read your letter to the Norwich boys. Capn Gary's wife may take this letter to Ohio & in Mary's letter you will find a description of what I want by express. I will tell you what articles I want. I want a pair of heavy double soled boots, my measure is in my War Diary in the back part. I want "Jomini's art of war." You can get it at Beer & Heurd's Book Store Zanesville. Send me 20 lbs of butter if you can get it for less than 20 cts per lb. Some paper, envelopes, & stamps..

I will say that we are drilling considerably. Lt Black has been detailed and is acting quartermaster of the 122. Capn Gary goes down to see his wife every evening. She is going home soon and I will send this by her. I wish you would get some Gum Arabic & send me some of the papers, it only costs 1 ct apiece.

I don't get much news. I am acting 1st Lieutenant of Co. I. I am on good terms with the officers and men. I got my Bob boots mended today. They are all going fast, ripping & getting decrepit.

I shall send you a sketch of Camp Jessie as it is called here after Mrs. Fremont. We can see right over to Maryland.

I want you to write soon & tell me all the things that go on at home & what you eat. I get good substantial food. My love to all.

From your bro.

T S Armstrong

Remember me to Miss Peck.