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Letter from W.G. Spencer to William Armstrong

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German town Oct 16/63

Mr Wm Armstrong

Dear Sir

My friend Jacobs
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ism had prompted him to rejoin the
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his Regiment but soon lost it & have
not been able since to find him
but suppose he is with Rosecrans, hope
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at the end of the war crowned
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In your letter you
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would have astonished you, though I think Merino Wool has fetched a lower price in proportion than low & medium grades — we use mostly common to $\frac{3}{4}$ blood & have paid prices ranging from 65 to 75 cents & once or twice near upon 80.

We have been very busy this season & continue so at present — working day & night too with some part of our machinery & still cannot at all keep pace with our orders — this is a trouble that you farmers know nothing about & you need not wish to fix it is a harassing thing.

My father died last August aged 75, nearly, he was a good man & I doubt not has joined the company of the blessed — my mother still lives, though 85 years old & is in general good health she is waiting & ready to answer the call that shall unite her again with father — O what a glorious hope is ours, O blessed

Christianity that enables us to endure the ills of life, enjoy its pleasures, & finally secure us admission into the realms of everlasting bliss.

My eldest boy, only 13 took a notion last Spring that he must be a Farmer so I have put him with a friend of mine in Snykehaman Co in this State — with the understanding that if he likes the occupation & does right he shall remain at it — 3 years & then go to a Farmers School & get an education that will fit him for a good farmer — so you see if I cannot be a farmer myself there is a prospect that at least one of my sons will be

I congratulate you on the success of your Election it was looked to here with great solicitude, only second to our own, which we believe is also carried by a handsome majority.

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Our kind regards to all
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Yours very truly

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Paid Henry C. Armstrong

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Mr Wm Armstrong.
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Muskingum Co.
Ohio.

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Addressed to Mr. Wm Armstrong

Norwich Muskingum Co. Ohio - postmarked Philadelphia, Pa.

Germantown Oct 16/63

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