

8th Reg^t N^o. Vols. Co. A
Algiers La.

August 19th 1862.

Dear Mother;

I will improve the first opportunity to answer yours & Almida's kind letters of the 27th which came to hand yesterday; I was very glad to hear from you again & to learn that your health is as good as you write it is; but I am sorry that you and the rest still are having trouble; but we read in the good book that in this world we shall have trouble and affliction but be of good cheer said the Savior for ye shall over come even as I have over come,

As to my own health it has been good now for the last two or three weeks; I begin to feel some as used to in Vermont; I feel well and contented but still I think of the friends and affairs I have left at home. The health of our reg^t is much better than it was a few weeks ago; there is now and then one dropping off but we cant expect any thing else in the army nor should we escape when the Lord calls even if we was at home,

Tel Almida I should like to have been at home that Sabbath night to help her make that raspberry short cake for supper; but I think I got enough more blackberries to eat than she did to partly make up the raspberys, I eat more blackberries than I ever see before,

I hope Almida you wont be afraid to write for fear that it will bother me to read it; for I can read any thing that comes from home; I write as often as you can get time; I write along with Fathers concern;