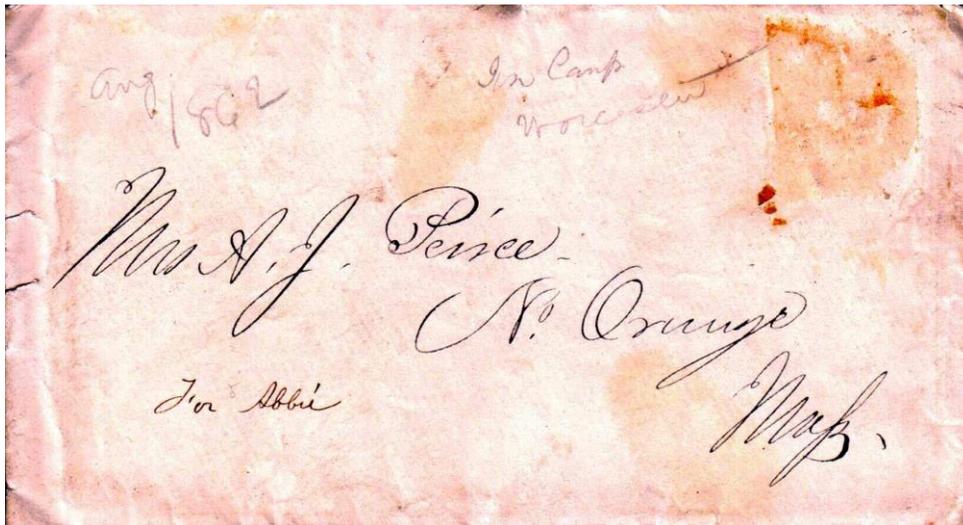


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LETTER TRANSCRIPTION

"Camp Wool"
Sunday 17 Aug 1862

My very dear ones at home

Henry M[?], Harrison G[,] Nelson Smith, and self are seated in a shady place *against* a *barn*, all writing home. It is a lovely day, and I have been wondering what my dear ones are doing at home. Wish we could look in upon you but that is impossible, so for a few lines. Received yours, also the one with the flannels for which all thanks.

Foster Jos, Kate Ellen & Henry Peirce all here yesterday. F. and J. left for Boston P.M. with Kate. Ellen is still in town, so you see as have had some reminders of home. I can't tell you much that will interest you. We are now in *tents* and have on *overcoats* so expect soon to be on guard duty. 20. in each tent. ours takes all the No. O. boys. As our company is not fully organized, we have not been very systematic but this week will bring us "into line". Camp life is quite pleasant. The Gardner delegation

contain some "queer" fellows, in short a whole band of the *Etheopian Singers*", which affords much amusement evenings.

The order—is—5 A.M. Roll Call, till 6 to do *chores* washing, cleaning premises &c. From 6 to 1/4 past 7. Drill, again at 10. till 11, same from 2 to 3. and 6 to 7. P.M. There are some other duties between so that the time will be occupied "some"

Today have been writing, reading and "calling[.]" Passed a few moment[s] in Ranlett's quarters. have become quite intimate with the Charlestown boys.

The Camp is very quiet—few visitors. many gone out to church, J. H. among the rest. We have to wear our overcoats outside, on such an occasion.

The 34 Reg left on the Fri P M and made a fine appearance. The 36th, to which we are attached will be a splendid one. Composed as it is of the finest material, from Northf[i]eld, Orange[,] Westminster, & Gardner. Capt Sawyer of Templeton, (formerly Capt Buffum's Orderly Sergeant) a gentleman, every inch, and the Company will be "A No 1". We occupy a street, leading directly to a little Elm Tree, and nearly in the middle of the Row.

Have been in "tip top" condition, but had a little "turn" this morning, but am feeling much better, partly owing to the sun and *cloth Cap*. Joseph will be able to give you some idea of our life here. Foster was very Cordial, and says, "If you want *anything* send for it." Shall write to him, direct occasionally.

We have more or less Singing, and today bibles are plenty and indeed it seems like a good cause.

And no, how do you all do? With Mary I suppose and I trust well and happy. You are never out of mind and hope to see you soon, and darling Lulu! Kiss her many times for Papa. I hope the present trial will not be without some good to her. Shall you bring her here? I wish you would but do what is best. I am Saving my *furloughs* 'till you come.

Recd. a bag from *Martha* needle books, yarn, and Lint, &c. and everybody are full of good "works and deeds."

Have written to the Haynes and Billerica today this being the third letter. So will close, my head being tired somewhat. Keep cheerful, and think of me as in a good cause, determined to do my best, and let me hear often.

Love to all inquiring friends. The boys are all in good health and spirits

As ever Yours entirely,
Jerome P.