

Arlington Heights
November 26/62

My Dear Cousin

I am sitting on an knapsack with my papers on my knee and a miserable pen to write with so if the writing is*

not very plain. you will please make allowances. I received your letter of 2nd Inst, on the tenth, and I could have answered sooner, but wished to wait until I could send my photograph, but will not be able to at present, for "Uncle Sam" does not seem inclined to pay up. and I am out of money. He promised to pay the first of November and it is now the 26th and no signs of it yet. I would like very much to have your photograph. and I will send you mine as soon as I can, and if you will promise to send yours, I will I will pay for it and. send you the money when I send mine. I have been to the Capitol. It is the finest building I ever saw. I am in hopes to have an opportunity to go through it before long. I left Chicago. last Thursday in the evening, and arrived in Washington Sunday evening, and spent the night in a large building used for the accommodation of Soldiers. who may happen to reach the City at night, have to sleep on the floor. The next day we started for Arlington Heights which is about four miles from the City. which by the way. is in sight, also, Georgetown. in short it is a beautifully located camping ground. though we have nothing. but tents to live in. and the cold damp ground to sleep on which makes me feel rather down hearted at times. but I try to bear it as well as I can, and consider that it is all for the union, and keep Singing

"The Union is forever
Hurrah Boys Hurrah
While we rally round the flag boys
rally once again,
Shouting the battle cry of freedom["]

If you wish to write to Mother her address is Box 54, Oshkosh, Wisconsin

Please write immediately and oblige your Affectionate Cousin Milton

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*Note: This is the only part of the letter which is legible to the naked eye. It appears that someone has attempted to write over the original writing. Working with Photoshop, more can be discerned.