



1861.  
Alexandria, Aug 10.

Sister Mary:

I now take my pen  
to write you a few lines  
to ans the letter I Rec,d  
yesterday. I am well and  
hope this will find you  
the same the rest of  
the Boys are well but  
Josiah Keene he is sick  
I dont know what  
the matter is with him  
he is the slimest one of all  
the Company But he  
says he wont take his  
discharge if they will give  
it to him. I had a

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Description: William Adams to sister on military routines

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and one from Unc.  
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home sick a I guess and  
so is the most of the Regt.  
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to drill or dress parade  
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a lucky child when we  
started for the fight  
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W B Adams

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