

Camp in field near
Harrison Spaulding Farmer River
July 21st

Frederic Reiscoe

It is just a year ago
to day that we fought our
first Battle will do I remember
that awful day when but 32 out
of 80 of Company A stood it to
reach the Battle field. since
that time we have seen many
a hard fight. the sound of cannon
and musketry has got to be a fami-
liar sound. to our ears and the
sight of the dead and wounded
leaves but a momentary impression
upon the minds of a Soldier. it
only reminds him that his turn
may come next. Oh how I wish

This War would end and give
peace to this distracted Country
and let our poor Soldier's return
to our Wives & Families.

It is very warm out here, and
very uncomfortable. Our Encampment
is in front but we are well entrench-
ed. The Rebs would stand a
hard chance were they to attack
us here now. They would get
mowed down worse than they did
the 30th day of June by our
Batteries that we were supporting.
The Rebs came out of the woods
there in droves. The Batteries would
wait until they got within
100 yards of the Battery and then
open upon them with Grape &
Canister the effect was terrible
they would fall by scores. They
found it was no use to try and
take the 1st Mass Battery belonging
to our Brigade so they gave it up.

Boroc I wish it could be
a possible thing for ^{me} to get a
Commission in one of the new
Regts now forming in Maine,
as soon as the Capt comes in
from Picket I will get a
Reccommendation from him
and enclose it in this. Whether
it will do any good for me to
try I know not. There are no
vacancies in this Regt at
present and if I could succeed
in Maine I should like it
much. I think I am capable
of a Lieut² place, and had
ought to had one some time
ago and think I shall now
in this Regt in time. But
a bird in hand is worth two
in the bush. So if I could be
lucky enough to get one in a
new Regt I should much
rather have it than run the

risk of getting me here in
time. I think Mr Mann
would have influence enough
with the Gov to assist me,
the Boys are all well
Write soon

From your friend
J C Sumner

P. S. Roscoe enclosed
you will find a recommen-
dation from Capt
Millet who has come in
from Pickett, and he has
also forwarded to the Adjt
General of Maine a recommen-
dation signed by Lt Col
Hick of the 96 Penn Regt
who is in command of this
Regt at the present time, with this
note and to also shown to the Gov
of Maine I think I shall succeed