

CIVIL WAR, Sept. 13, 1864
- N.Y. Ship - took time in army - must/during

Tuesday, September 13, 1864

Dear sister, I received your letter last night and hasten to answer it to day. I was very glad to hear from you it is the first letter I have received from any source I have wrote five letters and this is the six. I am well as ever you say Ezra was selling peaches the other day I had some before I got to new york.

I think that your photograph looks as natural as life, I don't see why our folks don't send some of theirs, there is three fellows from vermont here I think they come from the same county that father did live in there is now nearly 300 men in in these barracks so you see that we have some lively times here

one fellow has got a bagpipe
and another has got a violin
so you see we have some
music and once in a while a
dance here but as for being
home sick that is out of the
question some times I feel
quite lonesome, I would not
come home now if I could and
I am sure I could not if I would
and now comes the good living
three a day we have haddock
and coffee and at noon we get beef
soup, and boiled beef and pork soup
and boiled pork or bean soup and
and a week we get boiled rice,
molasses and butter the four
boys that was drafted to go on
board the Neptune their names
are J. Babcock, S. Clark, A. D. Brown
and William Coerts they went
yesterday

This is all I can think
of at present to write
so good by from your
brother
Write soon
John William

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