

Dear Mother, As John has not
filled out the sheet I would write
few words to you in particular when I
write to Almira I intend it for you
too if you are there, I am sorry Janith^{an}
Enlisted but its too late now I hope
he will see no worse times than we have
I wrote to him 2 weeks ago & gave him
some good advice about his health &
money but I'm afraid the Regt. moved
before he got the letter, I hope he got it,
I suppose when you get this you will be down
to my house, now Mother it is my greatest
wish that you & Almira shall be a help
& comfort to each other you need
have no trouble only to think of us
but you must not worry about us for you
will hear from us often try to live in
peace & do the best you can let Elmer
fill your sons place in your heart till
we return god bless you all is my Prayer
From your Son Ellen