



We loved him in life,
We mourn him in death.



Mrs.
Minott Johnson
West Camden
Maine



We mourn our loss.



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San Francisco April 25th '65

Dear Brothers & Sister

I take a few moments to let you know that I am well and have not forgotten any friends at home. I hear John is well, I leave here tomorrow noon to join my company and when I get there I will write again. Everybody has been busy the past week mourning our great loss, & I do not feel like writing yet. People here seem to think the war will be prolonged on the account of the death of the President but do not know yet. Lizzie did not answer your letter because I was coming home in a few days, and she waited for me to answer it.

I wrote to father a few days ago, and also I wrote soon after our enlistment but I think the letters I sent then were lost in the indian troubles on the plains. Our company is stationed at Cape Disappointment, W.T., which is at the mouth of the Columbia river on the north side. If you have not got my letters I will again state that my company is A Co, 8th Co, Regt Inf, but letters sent thro Watsonville will be forwarded by my wife. In addition to the pay of the U. S., the State of California pays five dollars a month in gold coin to each soldier & a bounty in gold coin of \$160 to three years men.

Do you see soldiering is good business here where there is no war,
Give my love to all
I remain as ever
your affectionate
Danson C. Tolman
To Minott & H. A. Tolman

Danson C. Tolman of Watsonville enlisted in Company 8, 8th Infantry, C.V. on November 17, 1865. He wrote from San Francisco on April 24, 1865 to his sister and brother-in-law, Mrs. Minott Johnan, West Camden, Maine.

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Give my love to all, your affectionate Br[other],

D.C. TOLMAN