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Description: Civil War letter from Frederick Rogers to his mother

Camp near Potomac Creek. Va. March 23 1863

Dear Mother
Last nights Mail brought
the ever welcome letter and the
cheering tidings of "all well at home"
and thanks to A Kind Providence
I am able to return the same message
I am as smart as it is possible

for such A <u>naturly</u> clumsy chap to be and in fact I am all right.

The weather is mild and pleasant, although we have had it bad enough for the past week

We are very pleasantly located – have plenty of wood —build fire -places in our little shelter tents, and live like nabobs.—(minus the pomp)

We have plenty of work – enough to eat – and with the cheering news from home each week we are full as happy as men could expect to be

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We are engaged in laying A 'Corduroy Road' from Falmouth to Aquin Creek and expect it will take us 3 weeks longer – if I have space I will discribe the process when I get done with news. We have heard quite heavy firing on the Right Wing for 2 or 3 days, but I have not been able to discover its cause as yet.

The maine Cavalry has been of on A romp for about 3 weeks and have done A pretty good thing they have captured 4 Commissioned Officers; - 43 Privates; 60 Horses and Mules; A large lot of Boots & shoes; cloth ect. ect. I can assure you that Maine has just got its name up during this campaign and so high too that it will remain up in the estimation of other and more popular States. Maine has now in the field 2 Major Generals, 7 Brigadeers, 28 Regt's of Infantry 1 of Heavy Art. 6 Batteries, 2 compan -ies of Sharpshooters & 1 Regt of Cavalry (call the best Volunteer Cavalry

+ 1 Regt of Regulars (17th U.S.

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in the service) all of which are to be depended on in time of need. When our division went into the Battle at Fredericksburg Gen. Birney* was overheard to say to one of his Ade's de Camp that he thanked God that he had got 3 maine regiments in his division for they would not run from any thing no matter what example other Regts. might set. Yes, as long as I have been in the field I never yet saw the time that I was not proud to say I am A maine man, and well might I be for never has A maine Regt. Disgraced its self by word or deed......

I am much obliged to the one who sent that <u>Veasie</u> for it got A fine bit of Tobacco for me.

Well I must close please give my respects to all.

Yours truly Fred H. Rogers

*Birney is A Philladelphian) The 3 Regts were the 3d 4th & 17th