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Description: J.E. Mitchell to Persis Blanchard

Headquarters 10th Me. Reg^t Relay House Jan. 5th 1862

Dear Sister Peerse

It has been some time sence I wrote I though I would sit down and scribble you a few lines so that you would not forget me intirely. I have had pretty hard time lately I have been sick for the past six weeks althouh I have not been of duty but a week. I have had several severe spells of the chills and feaver which have reduced me down pretty low. I have

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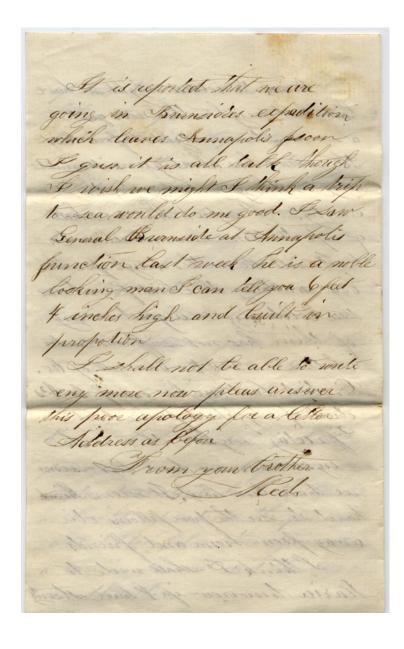
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Maria tomorrow if I have streng^



It is reported that we are going in Burnsides expedition which leaves Annapolis soon. I gues it is all talk though I wish we might I think a trip to sea would do me good. I saw General Burnside at Annapolis Junction last week he is a noble looking man I can tell you 6 feet 4 inches high and built in propotion

I shall not be able to write eny more now pleas answer this poor apology for a letter Address as before From your brother Ned



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[illustration]

Miss Persis De. F. Blanchard Cumberland Maine