



[illustration]  
 Rebel Medicine  
 Co. G 6th Reg't, Maine Vols., Camp Griffin  
 Lewinsville Va Dec  
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Friend Samantha

As I have a few spare  
 momens to day will write you a  
 few lines and finish the letter to  
 morrow I received Sulivans letter  
 last night was glad to here that  
 you was all well at home I am  
 well as ever but a little homesick  
 but shall soon banish that a way  
 but all that makes me homesick  
 is standing guard these cold nights  
 I was out last night and it was  
 as cold as it is down home but

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Date: December 28/9, 1861  
 Description: Pvt. John E. Stewart of Columbia was 23 when he enlisted in  
 Co. G of the 6th Maine Infantry in July 1861. Many members of the 6th  
 Maine were from Washington County.

hope that it will soon be warmer  
I have not got my box yet  
but have not given up all hopes  
of it yet as some boxes are longer  
coming than that has been  
I have heard hope of it yet  
was in Georges tent when that they  
started and told them that  
I was going to have a box of  
one thing and another come and  
told about my boat and what  
they cost at home and he  
kind of hints to the rest of the  
Company that I was had a  
box at all and often when that  
we are on drill he will fling it  
out but I pay no attention to  
that and let it all pass but  
it is kind of aggravating but that  
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think better of it ones of these day  
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Han[?] told me last night that they

had another box on the road  
and he hope that it would be here  
this week but they may have  
to wait as long as I had two  
for mine I got a letter from  
wealtha last night and one from  
Mother two so I had something  
to read this morning Tell Seldon  
that he must keep the wood box  
full this winter there is some  
talk as though that England  
was going to send an army over  
to take the Northern States And  
I hope that it will do so then  
we shall be called home to the  
State of Maine and then she  
will get such a whipping that  
she will know enough to mind  
it own business afterward  
as we will fight like tigers before  
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