

TENTH MAINE REGIMENT.  
PINE TREE [Illustration] STATE.

Head-quarters Tenth Maine Regiment, Co. C Relay House  
Saturday Nov. 9 1861

Dear Sister Persis

I have a few spare  
moments now which I will  
improve by scribbling you a few  
lines to let you know that I  
am still in the land of the  
living and hope to continue so  
for some time. It is raining  
like blazes and is about as  
uncomfortable as it can be.

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Date: Nov. 9, 1861  
Description: James E. Mitchell to Persis Blanchard

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and got of just in time to save a  
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until morning before I finish  
Sunday morning Nov 10<sup>th</sup>  
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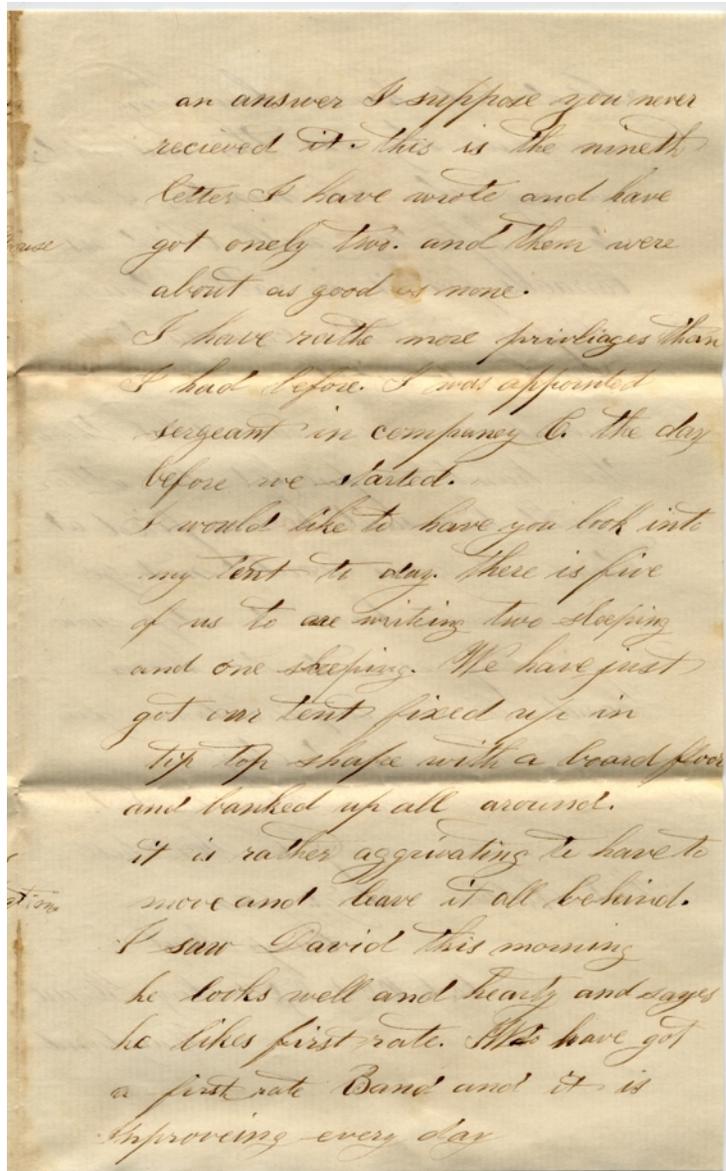
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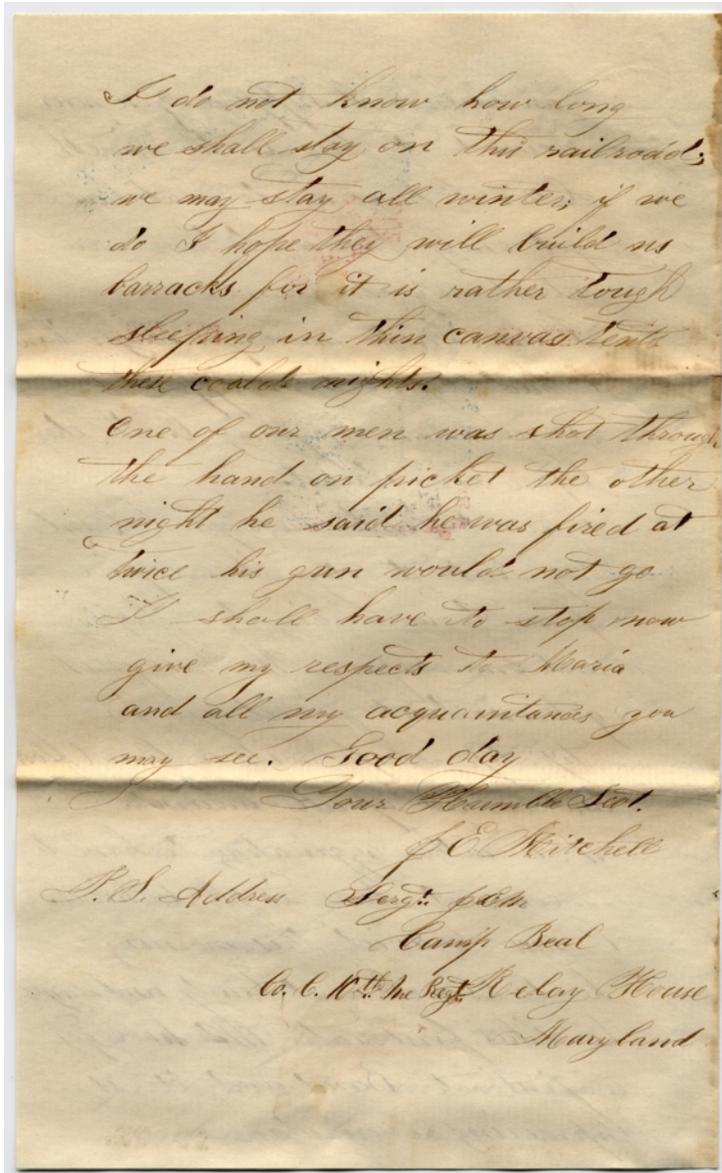
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I do not know how long  
we shall stay on this railroad;  
we may stay all winter; if we  
do I hope they will build us  
barracks for it is rather tough  
sleeping in thin canvas tents  
these cold nights.

One of our men was shot through  
the hand on picket the other  
night he said he was fired at  
twice his gun would not go  
I shall have to stop now  
give my respects to Maria  
and all my acquaintances you  
may see. Good day

Your Humble Servt.

J E Mitchell

P.S. Address Sergt. JEM

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Co. C. 10th Me Regt. Relay House  
Maryland



[Illustration]

ONWARD  
10th Maine Regiment.

Miss Persis De F. Blanchard  
Yarmouth  
Maine