



Centreville Friday May 1/63

Dear Farther & Mother

I seat myself to write you a few lines to let you know I am well, and feel first rate.

In my last [crossed out] I wrote how we expected to move, but we have not yet; we are still in the same place.

It is getting to be warm weather here now; the grass is growing fast; the trees are all leaving out; and the peach orchards are all in bloom, creating a most beautiful appearance; before the war broke out this must have been a nice country, but now all is desolation and ruin.

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Date: May 1, 1863
Description: Leonard Valentine to parents

The 25th was paid off day
before yesterday ~~and yesterday~~ I was
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having been with the regiment for
the past five months, and consequent
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get no pay; but I was mustered in
then, and shall get my money when
we are paid, next time, which will
be when we are mustered out of service.
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disbanded and they ^{money} have got to return
to their regiments in a few days.
I am going to box up some of my
things and send them home for it
is getting warm and if we have to
march I dont want to lug them,
nor throw them away either. I
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most in it, therefore we thought we would
send it to him. there will be no bills to
pay for the things

I hope you ^{will} endeavor
to get the garden planted in good
season. It is warm out here
enough to make it more comfortable
to get in the shade; but the nights
are rather cool.

If you want any money
you must go to the bank for it.
You may direct all future letters to
Co. E. 25th Maine Regt. Washington
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whether I stay here, or go there.

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