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Description: Pvt. Sheahan on guarding Frederick, MD.

Frederick city Oct 14/62

My Dear Father

I have got a few moments to spare and so I will write you a short letter I am well as usual and I hope this will find you the same I wrote you a letter since I came here but I have not had one from you for quite a while.

We are having good times here we are going to stay here all winter to guard this city. One in the army sees a great deal worth seeing. you have no idea what a difference

[across top]
dont forget
to tell me about
William when you
mind now for
I have only heard
from him once

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the south, I always thought
when I was at home that I
should like to live out south
and so I should now if the
people were like the people
in Maine but they are not
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they dont know a mile from
two miles, ask them how far
it is to such a place they
will at once say, "well right
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