



Camp 1st Maine Cavalry
near Warrenton V^a
Jan 25/64

Dear Father and Mother,
Something over
a week has passed since I last wrote
you but I have had reasons why
I could not write. I have only received
one letter from you since you
reached home and it does seem
so long that I have felt lonesome
and very anxious about the folks at
home, it is very singular that so
many have died with the Dyptheria
within the last two years in and around
Dennyville. I judge it must be a
much changed place in fact it will

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Date: Jan. 25, 1864
Description: John P. Sheahan on duration of war

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call for men to protect the stars
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Your Son
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