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Description: Lt. John Sheahan on army nearing Richmond

] The U. S. Christian Commission
sends this as the soldier's messenger to his home.
Let it hasten to those who wait for tidings.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

White House Va
June 7/64

My Dear Father

I have at last reached the famous place the white House and a busy place it is too the river is filled with all kinds of boats bringing supplies in the direction of Richmond may be heard even now the booming of distant cannon. Grant nor his army are not idle. you may expect stirring news by the time this reaches you or

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