



Arlington Heights Nov 19<sup>th</sup> 1862

Dear Parrents

I now improve  
[area cut out] the oppitunity to write  
[area cut out] you a few lines to let a  
know how I like ^ soldiers life in dixy  
I like it first rate so far I  
am well at present and hope these  
few lines will find you the same  
we are having busy times hear now  
putting up our camps and guarding  
the long bridge acrost the Potomoc  
two companys has to go to the bridge  
every morning and stay 24 hours  
our company is a going to morroy  
and the boys like to go first rate  
because thear is a good deal to  
be seen we are encamped about  
two miles from the long bridge  
all in sight of the river and  
the city of Washington we can see the

Contributed to Maine Memory Network by Sebago Historical Society  
MMN #68616

Date: Nov. 19, 1862  
Description: Charles Cole to family

capitol just as plain  
and it is a big thing  
I tell you. I was all  
capitol when I was in  
and it was the grand  
the 27<sup>th</sup> regt is in ear  
ways from us and they are pretty  
hard boys I tell you they have  
toar down thear shutter and they pitched  
upon thear Quarter master and  
toock every thing he had because  
thy did not get enough to eat  
thy do about as they are a mind  
to and thear officers cant do  
anny thing with them I received  
your letter last night that you wrote  
the 26<sup>th</sup> of Oct and I guess it  
has been the rounds sence it  
left Sebago it was directed to  
the 25 M V M just as I told  
you to but it should have  
been directed 25 Maine regt

capitol just as plain [area cut out]  
and it is a big thin [area cut out]  
I tell you. I was all [area cut out]  
capitol when I was in [area cut out]  
and it was the grand [area cut out]  
the 27<sup>th</sup> regt is in cas [area cut out]  
ways from us and they are pretty  
hard boys I tell you they have  
toar down thear shutter and they pitched  
upon thear Quarter master and  
toock every thing he had because  
thy did not get enough to eat  
thy do about as they are a mind  
to and thear officers cant do  
anny thing with them I received  
your letter last night that you wrote  
the 26<sup>th</sup> of Oct and I guess it  
has been the rounds sence it  
left Sebago it was directed to  
the 25 M V M just as I told  
you to but it should have  
been directed 25 Maine regt



and so the letter went to the  
25 Mass V M witch is to  
Newbern No Carolina so it said  
on the envelope the regt has drawn  
rubber blankets sence they came  
here and we find them good things  
when we have to stand on guard  
in a rainy night and to ~~put~~ put  
under us at night we have got  
a stove in our tent and we have  
clothes enough to make us comftable  
we have not been paid of yet and  
I cant tell when we shall be at  
any rate there is no sines of  
it yet and if you <sup>can</sup> send me  
a little money I wish you would  
for I must have a little so I  
cant write letter but I hate  
to send home for money I must  
now draw to close so good night  
direct to Charles W Cole Charles W Cole  
Co H 25 Maine regt  
Care of Capt S L Davis Washington D C

and so the letter went to the  
25 Mass V M witch is to  
Newbern No Carolina so it said  
on the envelope the regt has drawn  
rubber blankets sence they came  
hear and we find them good things  
when we have to stand on guard  
in a rainy night and to ~~put~~ put  
under us at night we have got  
a stove in our tent and we have  
clothes enough to make us comftable  
we have not been paid of yet and  
I cant tell when we shall be at  
anny rate there is no sines of  
can  
it yet and if you ^ send me  
a little money I wish you would  
for I must have a little so I  
can write letters but I hate  
to send home for money I must  
now draw to close so good night  
direct to Charles W Cole Charles W Cole  
Co H 25 Maine regt  
care of Capt SL Davis Washington DC



Dear Brother

I received your letter  
last Saturday night and was  
glad to hear from home you must  
excuse me for not writing before  
I am well tough ruggid <sup>and</sup> saucy and  
so is all the boys from Sebago  
I wrote to unkle Isaac Edgley  
last Sunday I want you to write  
to me as soon as you can and  
tell me all you can think of  
tell me who keeps your school  
and how you like it tell me all  
about the boys and girls and  
tell them to write to me and  
I will write to them as often as  
I can and tell Mother I want  
her to have a turkey for thanksgiving  
give my love to Mother and all  
the children and tell them I think  
of them every day Charles W Cole  
Co H 25 Maine regt care of SL Davis  
direct just so Washington DC

Dear Brother

I received your letter  
last Saturday night and was  
glad to hear from home you must  
excuse me for not writing before  
and  
am well tough ruggid ^ saucy and  
so is all the boys from Sebago  
I wrote to unkle Isaac Edgley  
last Sunday I want you to write  
to me as soon as you can and  
tell me all you can think of  
tell me who keeps your school  
and how you like it tell me all  
about the boys and girls and  
tell them to write to me and  
I will write to them as often as  
I can and tell Mother I want  
her to have a turkey for thanksgiving  
give my love to Mother and all  
the children and tell them I think  
of them every day Charles W Cole  
Co H 25 Maine regt care of SL Davis  
direct just so Washington DC