

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

Date: Nov. 19, 1862

Description: Charles Cole to family

## 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

expited furt as plain and it is a dig this I tell you. I was all capital when I was in and it was the grand the 2 threat is in can ways from us and they are fretty shared boys I tell you they have tour clown thear stitler and they fitched afon their I Quarter master and looch every thing he had because the diet mutiget enought to wat they do about as they are a mind to and their officers cantalo arring things with them I received your letter dest night that you wrote the 26th of Oct and I gives it has been the rounds sens it deft schago it was directed to the 25 Ab M Av. first as I told you to dut it should have been streeted 25 haine 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 shitter 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 26th 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 42 m witch is to Newbern No Carolina so it said on the invelope the rest has draved rubber blenkets sence they come shear and we find them good they were we have to stand on quarel in a rainey night and to prit put under us at night we have got a store in our tent and we have delother enough to make in comptage we have not been paid of get and I canto tell when we shall de lat any rate thear is no sines of it get and if you can send me a dittle money I wish you would for I must have a dittle so of com with delter but I hate to send home for money I must now draw to close , so good night direct to ob hortes W locato harles W Cale 60 to 25 Main reg P Care of call & Davis Whington OC

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 drawed rubber blankets sence they came hear and we find them good things when we have to stand on guard in a rainey night and to ### 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 thear 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

Char Brather all a land I received your deller lest saturday might and was ghad to hear from dome you must exercise me for inst witting before I am well tough ruggiel sarrey wire is all the boys from Schago when weate to make Isaco Colfly dast sunday I would you to witer to me as soon as you can and tell me allowy on come think of Mell me who keeps your school and how you dike it tell me all about the boys and girls and let them to wirte to me and I will write to them as of law as our and tell Mather I want her to have a turky for thanks giving give my door to Mather and all the children and tell them I think of them every clay to harles 40 tobe Co H Is Maine regt Gold Stone direct Sust So Washington &

## Dear Brother

I received your letter last Satuarday night and was glad to hear from home you must excuse me for not writting befor

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

Washington DC

direct just so