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Description: Sgt. Calvin Titcomb of Co. H of the 22nd Maine Regiment, wrote to his sister and mother from Newport News, Virginia, where the regiment remained until it went to Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

ONWARD

To Victory.

[Illustration] Head-quarters 22^d ME Reg't.

Co. H

Camp Newport News 1862

Nov, 15th

Dear Sister Frank

I received your letter of the 8th yesterday and was very glad to here from home and here you were all well and am happy to say I am the same I have been well ever since I left home It is very pleasan weather her about such as we have in Maine in Sept.

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we had ^ rether cold time coming down here

but since we got here it has been very pleasa^t
just warm enough to be comfortable--

We shal not stop here much longer we are only waiting for the fleet to get ready then we are going to Texas I expect I hope so at least, if we go there we shal not be likely to have much fighting to do for

We are to be held as the 3^d reserve, and
beside it is as healthy there as any place
we can go to, I think most of the [?] there
but if it is fair weather we shall get along
nicely it is about 5 days sail
I am sorry you and Tommy had such
luck when you started for Bangor I was
in hope Uncle Alvin would have Katie
beside I wanted you to go down there
Uncle Alvin had some presents for you
and I wanted you to see the place too
I hope it hasn't spoiled Katie I want
you to write and let me know whether
her wound will injure her or not I
think he ought to make the owner of
the dog pay all damages - if the colt gets
better you must try it again don't give up -
I'd kind like to be at home Thanksgiving
but you might eat your Turkeys and
welcome and I'd take a few chickens
I am going to write Alvin to Mother so I guess
I won't write you any more this time
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Newport News Virginia
Nov 13th 1862

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wont get into our family.

I expect we shal go to Texas soon when
we get ther I will let you know what
kind of a chane we get I hope we shal
get as good camps as we have here -
I want some of you to write every week
for I am anxious to hear from home

Very respectfully

Your affectionate son

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