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Magee, 316 Chestnut St. Phila.

Head quarters of the Six
Maine Reg Encamped at Mex
all Hill Lewinsville Va. Nov 17/61

Friend Samantha ———

I received your letter last night
and was glad to here that you was
all well at home then you have had
some snow at home it is cold enough
here to snow yesterday it was very
cold and the wind blew a hurricane
and to day it is not much better
but we have got a fire in our tent
so we get along quite well that is
if our tent does not blow all to
pices it is almost in two pices
now but I hope that it will last a
few day longer then I hope that
we shall have new ones then
if not will have to make us

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Description: Pvt. John Stewart of Columbia, who enlisted in July 1861
at age 23 in Co. G of the 6th Maine Infantry, wrote to "friend Samantha"
Leighton, also of Columbia, from Virginia.

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whether that his thier folks are universlis
or not any how they are not church
members but I gess that they are
nothing that is as far as I can
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at first then George Jacobs wrote
he was acquainted with his Sister
his grave is about as far from a house
as from your house to your uncle
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there where that he was his grave
stone will not cost as much as what
money that we got the fence and
stone will cost about 85 dollars I have
not seen them yet but they say
they are very nice ones they are at
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See a, ^(dinner) supper two and I hope
that I shall always be so that
I can write so you can get
them Friday or Saturday then
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and Saturday night. Samantha
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I wanted to eat — tell your mother
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see what that I can do in regards
to his Birth days Present — I think
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of ~~the~~ our guns than we are not
allowed to keep them loaded only
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