



[Illustration]

Head quarters of the
Six Maine Reg Encampm
at Maxall Hill Lewinsville
Va Nov 23/61

I received your letter
last night was glad to here that
my money had arrived safe at home
and shall send some more in this
letter I got a letter from [?] last
night she says that she thought I
was dead as I did not answer her
last letter I answered it but if she has
not got it by this time it has been
miscarried We had a great time
last Wednesday that review came
of that I spoke about in my
last letter they did not have
it here as they intended to the
place that we fixed was not large

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Description: Pvt. John Stewart wrote to "friend" Samantha Leighton about a review that his regiment participated in along with 89 other infantry regiments, 11 cavalry regiments, and more than 100 cannons.

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from here at a place between
Mansons Hill and Baily's Cross
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at about eight o'clock arrived
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11 of Cavalry and over one hundred
pieces of Canon in all over 70 thousand
of troops and I tell you that it
was a splended sight then Gen
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arrived at half past twelve and
when that they did arrived there
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well that his Soldiers can march
at that time it being as late as
three O Clock we started for home
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was dress up in there every days
Cloths it look kind of queer to
see some of the Gen to be riding
about the field dress all up and
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here when that ~~that~~ happened
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