



[illustration]
 Rebel Medicine
 Co. G 6th Reg't, Maine Vols., Camp Griffin
 Lewinsville Va Dec
 28,29
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Friend Samantha

As I have a few spare
 momens to day will write you a
 few lines and finish the letter to
 morrow I received Sulivans letter
 last night was glad to here that
 you was all well at home I am
 well as ever but a little homesick
 but shall soon banish that a way
 but all that makes me homesick
 is standing guard these cold nights
 I was out last night and it was
 as cold as it is down home but

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Date: December 28/9, 1861
 Description: Pvt. John E. Stewart of Columbia was 23 when he enlisted in
 Co. G of the 6th Maine Infantry in July 1861. Many members of the 6th
 Maine were from Washington County.

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but have not given up all hopes
of it yet as some boxes are longer
coming than that has been
I have heard hope of it yet
was in Georges tent when that they
started and told them that
I was a going to have a box of
one thing and another come and
told about my boat and what
they cost at home and he
kind of hints to the rest of the
Company that I was had a
box at all and often when that
we are on drill he will fling it
out but I pay no attention to
that and let it all pass but
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had another box on the road
and he hope that it would be here
this week but they may have
to wait as long as I had two
for mine I got a letter from
wealtha last night and one from
Mother two so I had something
to read this morning Tell Seldon
that he must keep the wood box
full this winter there is some
talk as though that England
was going to send an army over
to take the Northern States And
I hope that it will do so then
we shall be called home to the
State of Maine and then she
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she will know enough to mind
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as we will fight like tigers before
that we will let them march
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