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Description: Eben S. Calderwood of Vinalhaven was 39 years old when he joined Co. H of the 21st Maine Regiment in October 1862. He had a wife and five children.

[Illustration]

Headquarters Camp Banks Batonrouge  
Louisiana

Reg't.

Volunteers, Comp.

Dear Wife

Feb 13th 1863

I recieved your letter in answer to mine that I wrote on board the ship to day and was glad you was all well. I recieved one from you and Henry in N Orleans but none from any one else. Coln Johnson come yesturday with some of our Regt. that was left behind he says we Shall be brigaded with New Hampshire & Mass. Righments the 28 is in camp below N Orleans I have not heard whether A Webber is gone or not they are 140 miles from us E Roberts come from N Orleans yesturday Rodney has gone to sea the last we see

of him he was leaveing the Regt.  
I have seen Seth twice since we have  
been here and a number that I am  
acquainted with from Camden & Lincolnville.  
Seth & I will write to Susan & Martha  
if we have time.  
You may act your own pleasure about  
having a wood chopping if you do get a good  
man to oversee them to cut clean  
you may sell that set if you remember  
what I paid For I dont  
I was glad to hear that you was getting the  
state aid we was paid off yestarday 48\$  
I have sent 30\$ by express to Rockland  
to you it will be there before you  
get this letter do not say any thing about  
it but go of to the express office and get it  
or send an order by some one that will  
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[Sideways at right]

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or Henry hire it for you if they dont  
want it write to me whether Hamblin  
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we are now where we dont know how  
soon we shall have to fight but I  
shall face the music with the rest  
if we do fight here but hope to be one  
of the lucky ones I think I shall see  
you again. it is ver warm here I am  
sitting under a shade tree with no  
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that but we feel the heat now  
nearly as much as we shall as we are  
not climated there is a grate many  
sick in the Regts here

answer this soon as you can  
gave my love to all who inquire  
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time send me some stamps for there  
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