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Description: Pvt. John Sheahan of Co. K of the 1st Maine Cavalry wrote to his parents in Dennysville about a month after his enlistment.

[Illustration]

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For the Union Maine
C. Magnus 12 Frankfort St N.Y.

Washington Sep 29/62

My Dear father and Mother

I have just received
your letter and I was very
glad to hear from you
the money just come in
time for I was all out
and it is a good thing to
have some money in case
of sickness but there is
no fear of my being sick
I weigh 156 pounds, and
am in good spirits the
weather is fine and as
the boys say everything

is jovial and the goose
hangs high.

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slight move we have left
the barracks and gone
into tents about a half
mile from the city and I
am glad of it for the
barracks were full of
lice we are having good
times here now we only
drill about 3 hours a day
and the rest we loaf
how long it will be this
way I cannot tell I have
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the 18th twice all that I
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to lug the knapsack,
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camp if we stay here
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did you hear from Bill
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to him tomorrow I would
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me three papers already
it is supper time and
I must close for a
while since I wrote the
above I have had supper
and breakfast, I bought
six cents worth of sausage
last night and this morning I
had it fried for breakfast
we are having just such
weather here now as we
have in July at home
I am going to send home
the papers Miss Hill sends
me and I want them kept
good. This pen is horrid poor
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