



On Picket 8 miles below
Fredericksburg March 13th 1863

My Dear Father

Again I have taken
my pen to write you a few
lines while we are on picket
we are on now for ten days
we have usually stood only
three day but now we have
a much longer time to stay
in camp when we are not
on. We have not been on for
nearly three weeks before, and
we have had a good rest
in camp.

I suppose when you
get this you will have seen
William. I was glad to think
that he got a furlough
for he has been away from

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Description: Pvt. John Sheahan requests for pepper, cod

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