



On Picket near Warrenton V<sup>a</sup>,  
June 5<sup>th</sup> 1863

My Dear Brother

As I have a few  
moments to spare I will improve  
them by writing you a short letter  
from the seat of war of course you  
have the papers and read the news  
it is only once in a while that I  
get a paper and when I do if it  
sent from home it of no use for  
it is so old, about all we know  
is what is going on here in Virginia  
The army is laying in camp  
yet, when they will move again  
I cannot tell but I hope and  
pray that it may be soon for  
I for one am anxious to see  
this war closed oh what a  
glorious day that will be when

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Description: Pvt. John P. Sheahan on hopes for peace, victory

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