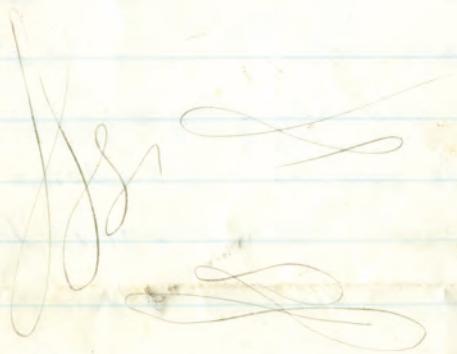


Direct your letter to Baltimore
The letter as ever as we have them
Sent to us from there
I will

Remember this as soon as you
read it I had no good place
to write



Maryland November 16th 1861

Camp Beals

My Dear Sister

I received your letter last night and now
hasten to answer it I thought it very
strange you did not write to me but
I now see you did not get my
last letter from Raymond. About our
going to Virginia it is a great mistake
as we are guarding the Rail Road between
Baltimore and Washington. It is a very
important point as here is a large stone
bridge which all Regiments and army supplies
has to pass over in going to W - m
The enemy if they dared to would destroy it

it
as it would help them a great deal
Since I wrote to you I have had a very
bad cold and had to go into the Hospital
a week although my cold is better my
cough is very bad yet some days I could
not speak a loud word The Doctor says
my lungs are far from being well and
I must be very carefull how I catch
cold again It is a very unhealthy place
here. You ask if I am home sick any No
I am not although when I am unwell I
think how nice it would be to be at
W. Lusters a day or so But you tell Jordan
if he should come out here he would
have many privations to endure that
he little thinks of now He would soon
get sick of nothing but cold Bread. Beef
& Coffee. If we want any butter we have to
buy it ourselves and cakes &c &c but never
mind we shall learn a great deal there
that will be usefull in after life
you need not think I am sick of this
because I advise Jordan to stay at home

but I know he would not like

We all felt much encouraged now as our army seems to just begin to do some thing. The expedition has accomplished a great deal. Our Colonel Beal of Norway says he thinks all of us living will be at home in 6 months. But time will show. Ed. Shurtless was in the fleet. We should have been if we had got our Kiffles in season. In about six weeks I shall have some 20 dollars to send you as I shall have to keep some to make my ~~self~~ comfortable this winter. Yesterday there was a Soldier buried near us. It was a solemn sight. first the Drummers came beating the Dead March (and there is nothing sounes more solemn than that to me) then came the ambulance a two wheeled carriage in which the Coffin was placed then the Soldiers with the arms reversed after getting to the grave guns were fired over it and the grave was closed. He was far from home without a Kiblatine near him to comfort him he passed away and had

to be buried in a Land of Strangers.
But our Regiment is not so far from
home yet that if any of us should
die our Colonel would send us home.

Now about the affairs in Casco who keeps
the Shadagoo School and the Beach & School

Give my love to Aunt Sarah and tell her
to write to me with you next time

I am pretty well posted on the news in Maine
as there are 3 girls besides you write to
me oftener than you do. Tell Mrs King I send
my love and be a good girl and Ester to

Give my best respects to Thebe tell Josie
Katie & Philly I shall send some

Money soon to get them something to
wear. We had a fellow shot in the hand
on guard the other day by a secession Devil
you ought to hear them talk here. If you ask
them how far it is to such a place if it is a
great distance they will say it is a Right Smart
Ways and instead of Yankee I guess so it is
I reckon so but enough of this as I have
nothing more to write I will now close
write soon From yours &c &c Abial H Edwards