

Point of Rocks. Md  
Quarters of Co K. 10<sup>th</sup> Maine Regt  
1<sup>st</sup> Brigade. 1<sup>st</sup> Division. Banks Corps  
Nov 9<sup>th</sup> 1862  
Sunday, P. M.

Dear Anne

I take this opportunity to write you a few lines hoping they may prove acceptable. 'Tis a cool quiet Sunday eve. I am sitting in my tent before a small fire in a very small stove. My thoughts as usual are not here but are wandering back to the Pine Tree State. And in the glowing coals I can see the faces of the friends that doubtless now are seated before their own quiet fire sides.

Do they ever think of their soldier friends and to I am thinking of the brave boy that belonged to our Co but the cruel bullet has done its cruel work James E was killed at Antietam he was a noble

fellow. His Mother <sup>is</sup> was a widow living  
in Portland and he was her only son  
her means being limited he came out  
in our Co in hopes his pay would help  
his Mother and now poor woman she  
is childless God help her and there  
was Asa R. a hard working fellow  
of 23 years. He had been to the Broad-  
took for two years and had got a fine  
farm from his labors there. And just  
as our Co was organized he had return-  
ed home to Danville to be married to an  
old school mate and they were to return  
to Broadtook but times was hard and  
he got her consent to come out here  
in hopes to return next spring and with  
the money he got here to fit up their  
humble home. But it was not so ord-  
ered. He fell on the bloody field of Anti-  
tam close to my side, his blood flying  
over me in his death struggle. Such  
Anna is the daily scenes this terrible <sup>war</sup>  
presents. If all the agony was con-



finely to the battle field. No there is broken  
hearts at home. Homes made desolate  
by this cruel war. And who is to answer  
for this. Echo asks who. There is a very  
little snow on the ground. Friday we  
had quite a snow storm about two  
inches fell and it has not yet dis-  
appeared. Now Anna who is the smartest  
in regard to snow we hear of you in Maine.

Anna you said in your last letter  
that I had great reason to be thank-  
ful. Yes Anna I have indeed when  
I look back and see the great dan-  
ger I have passed through unscath-  
ed I can but say Father I thank  
Thee. Lately we have received in to our  
Company 12 recruits from Wells Franklin  
County. Henry Penny in our Company got a  
letter from W<sup>m</sup> Mace yesterday his Regt  
is 15 miles out of Washington doing Picket  
Duty. As yet he is very well contented  
Well he might he has not seen the  
hard ships of a Soldiers life yet

We have heard that The 4<sup>th</sup> Maine is to be  
filled up and is to return soon is it so  
The most of the army is on the move The  
must have suffered much during this late  
snow storm. Especially the bare footed  
Rebels. There is every prospect of another  
great battle being fought soon if it  
was not Americans on both sides we  
might hope it would be the last but  
as it is neither side will acknowl-  
edge them unless beat and I for  
one never want to see The Federal  
army acknowledge it And I think  
they never will have to Well Anne  
I will not write any more to night  
as doubtless you will be tired of this  
So I will now close by wishing you  
Good Night Affectionately your Friend  
Abiel H. Edwards