Dear Friends at Home,

Newport News, Va. Mar. 18th, 1865

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interest. You notice two trees standing alone; have marked them No. 1 these two trees are at the left of our log “Lamey Market” beyond these trees, which are very tall & straight & three feet long at the ground and the most pitchy pine wood. I have seen evergreen good last Wednesday night my boat was at the foot of one of these trees. Breed No. 4 pointed the sun was going down in Virginia one at the foot of the tree. It was cold Wednesday night was the coldest we have seen here while we were at the
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No 6

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I bot this sheet down to the periodical store at the landing last night, thinking that as it is a very good picture of Newport News you would like to see it. This picture shows the possession of the troops as they wer last summer just before McClellan’s evacuating the Peninsula. Of course there are some changes in the possession of the different camps. I have numbered some places of interest. You notice two trees standing alone, have marked them No. 1 these two trees are at the left of our Reg. “Quincy Market” beyond these trees, which are very tall & straight & three feet through at the ground & the most pitchy pine wood I ever saw. I was on gard last Wednesday night my beat was at the foot of one of these trees. I read No. 4 just as the sun was going down Wednesday eve at the foot of the tree. It was cold Wednesday & night was the coldest we have seen here. while on gard we built a big fire at the
foot of the No. 4. There was a crack in the tree, & the pitch gun had
eroded out which burned splendidly. I was surprised to find
in the morning on taking my beat, that the fire had burned
a big hole in to the tree as large as a quarter hail.
It seems amazing that a green tree would burn, but we find it
will burn nice there being so much pitch in it. No 2. is about
the possession of the D. little boys of Atlanta. No 3 good example from a
that........... breastworks, pitch in front, created & made by our
forces last summer, space between breastworks & woods our
camp, parade ground. The scene between about the
wharf are very natural. The landings, ships dockers
unloading all look just as we ate them every day.
Landing No 4 where we disembarked & where our stores came
The steamer Express we are two or three days. I helped to
unload her one day. Received No as I said Wednesday
night was away from different concern. I would send letters
in to the Lewisville when I would. So all will not get the
foot of tree No 4. there was a crack in the tree, & the pitch gum had oozed out which burned splendidly. I was surprised to find in the morning on taking my beat that the fire had burned a big hole in the tree as large as a Quaker pail. It seems funny that a green pine tree would burn, but we find it will burn nice there being so much pitch in it. No. 2 is about the possession of Co D street & rows of A tents. No. 3 good sample of an A tent........ brestworks, ditch in front, created & made by our forces last summer. space between brestworks & our camp, parade ground. The scenes about the wharf are very natural the landings, ships & steamers unloading all [?] just as we see them every day. Landing No 4 where we disembarked & where our boxes came The steamer Express we see every few days. I helped to unload her one day. I received No 4 as I said Wednesday night was sorry that paper cost so much. I would send my letters in to the lower village when I could. So Newell will not get the
mailing School send A. W. Frank which has a grand picture of Payday in the army. Must hate not to do so. I think it too good to be lost. Received a letter from James yesterday. He and the children are all well. One from Mr. F. James at a report of the Lowell High School, which sent you with some pictures last Wednesday. James said he drove his car carrying letters on a cold day. But a letter from B. Mclintock last night, one enclosed from Morton they were near VA they were well & enjoying themselves quite. Think they say as getting better. I should think we'd think if I could not get a mail but once a week. Please write me.

If Frank as a sergeant, I am thinking you write me as I have never received any of his letters. All them letters again as if I do not receive it will then take the mail for the deal. Supper James M. has received my answer. Please write how the conscription takes up in Hollsboro. Will the "Pay at Home" we want all the help we can get prigers and all. Has no reason for those to come about here a help sustain government our money (should like to see some) can help schools a far just decentable cause than it is for me. Because there has been a shameful mismanagement & here complaint among officials in high places. That is no reason why we should give up the rightous cause we are engaged in our liberties are worth just as much now as they ever were. I am glad the day has passed. We will start some off to the Dr. before annual Dr. Lay is warm & pleasant as lovely a day as ever I saw one
mailing I shall send A Harpers which has a grand picture of Payday in the army Mrs. Choate sent it to me & I think it too good to be last. I received a letter from James yesterday he & the children are all well One from Mrs C. & James & a report of the Lowell High School. which I sent you with some pictures last Wednesday. James said he froze his ears carrying papers one cold day. Got a letter from C. McClintock last night & one enclosed from Martin they were near NO. & were well & enjoying themselves quite well. Frank they say is getting better. I should think it hard if I could not get a mail but once a week. Please write me if Frank is a sargent. I am thinking you wrote me so I have never received Anna’s & Ed. letters. Tell them to try it again & if I do not receive it will then take “the will for the deed. Suppose James M. has received my aswer. Please write how the Conscription takes up in Hillsboro. Tell the “stay at homes” we want all the help we can get, nigers & all. It is no worse for them to come out here & help sustain our government our currency (should like to see some) our free schools & our just & equitable laws then it is for us. Because there has been shameful mismanagement & gross corruption among officials in high places. That is no reason why we should give up the righteous caus we are engaged in our liberties our worth just as much now as they ever were. I’m glad the “end” has passed it will start some off to the Dr. before sunrise To-day is warm & pleasant as lively a day as ever I saw our
Chaplain reached a short but excellent sermon today. We have
a good chaplain. Again guess from what I can hear he is the
only chaplain in our Brigade who will not get drunk. Some
of the officers and some of the men believe that the private
soldiers must fight for themselves. He is Miss Chaplin's
painted from. Perhaps you may see it. I shall say I saw him
in an intelligent form. Last night keeping well on something
for which he was ready for any time. I am going to tell him
if he had been in that place and the river he would not be
as keen for aught else. I am glad to see the boys are in such
good spirits and their health is good enough to carry one through
most anything. A moon's talk to-day since we got
in board the cars at Palmetto. It has been a short month. I have
an Brigade as pretty good fellow but he likes good Brandy
... the moon in the morning the boys go to bed at 8 to work at 10. He said all
made him to follow hard. I have to do the work
side behind a brick house. I designed out go one
Tell them every time you can. We decided then for we understand
him to come here, for he had been in the battle. We should have you
in your place. We understood after that he had
been in charge of an of the times book. But we must of our
December than that they did. The month is very pleasant and
like the good day began to start a little. They used a Parole
he and Peter's had against the first of the garden have
ago. A lattice is not really an interesting
thing. Brown and long and long. Long. A little more besides
the house and one of these longs went to see some about the work
of the month. The address conversation discussions
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Chaplain preached a short but excellent sermon to-day. We have a good Chaplain. I guess guess [sic] from what I can hear he is the only Chaplain in our brigade who will not get drunk. Rum kills as many men as the Rebels here the privates cant get any but the officers some of them make beasts of themselves The 3s-Mass Chaplain has taken a sketch home of our camp at Near F & I hear there are pictures printed from it perhaps you may see it. I forgot to say I saw in a journal & that the 16 NH. had left their Camp near NO & gone off on an expedition or perhaps Charles will see some fighting for which he was ready for any time. I am going to tell him if he had been into that scrape over the river he would not be so keen for a fight now. I am glad to see the boys are in such good spirits out their pluck & good courage will carry one through most anything. Monday One month to-day since we got on board the cars at Falmouth. It has been a short month I have enjoyed myself first best. We have gotten into a first rate brigade our Brigade is a pretty good fellow but he likes good brandy & a good lot of it. but he is no tyrant as some Gens are We did not like his bluster the morning before the fight at F he said all he wanted was for us to follow him but when he lead us onto the field [sic] he skulked behind a brick house & hollered out go on you cowards you $300 men we halted them for we understood him to say halt. If he had kept still we should have gone on in good shape We understood that he had ordered the 51st Penn to charge on us if we turned back but we went up in better shape than that Reg. did. To-day is very pleasant & spring like the grass has begun to start a little. I noticed a farmer beyond the picket lines last week digging up his garden he said he said potatoes have had to been planted there three weeks ago. A battery is out drilling on the parade ground they have just firing bang bang bang bang bang bang. Sounds a little like Fredericksburg I saw Frank Dutton yesterday he is fat as I am. I am going up to his camp one of these days want to see him about eighty-two months worth I suppose he might well be in NH a night of caucuses, excursions & scheming & planning for tomorrow morning battle many the right prevail & the soldiers cause be sustained I suppose the sap has begun to run some & there will be sugar for the town meeting. If the weather is correspondingly warm in NH as is here. I should suppose a good sugar weather that snow storm you spoke of did snow a little here but the rain soon melted it.