

Dec 10<sup>th</sup> received your m.  
Dec 10<sup>th</sup> this morn We were returned  
from pocket pretty suddenly last  
night at 12 o'clock & ordered  
to get across the river as soon as  
possible we marched a night's march  
distance & got to our old camp  
about 4 o'clock it seems like  
home now We have got out of the  
way of those pesky shells  
We have got a hard set of  
belows to deal with over the river  
we will fix them by & by  
We hear Ban to has got to be  
Ah I hope it is true & am sorry to  
say the 25<sup>th</sup> was noted to be  
towards Saturday We of the 11<sup>th</sup> have  
the name of fighting like heroes  
I done the best I could We were green  
of course but we advanced over that  
field amidst a hurricane of shot & shell  
in good shape I received the backlock  
How much did it cost? It is a nice one  
I need 75 cts today in the letter I sent 82 cts  
to you in a letter a few days ago

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Dec 16<sup>th</sup> received your [?] Dec 1<sup>st</sup> this morn We were returned from picket pretty suddenly last night at 12 o'clock & ordered to get across the river as soon as possible we marched a "right smart distance" & got to our old camp about 4 o'clock it seems like home now We have got out of the way of those pesky shells

We have got a hard set of fellows to deal with over the river

We will fix them by & by

We hear Banks has got the [?] Oh; & I hope it is free Am sorry to say the 25<sup>th</sup> Mass acted like cowards Saturday We of the 11<sup>th</sup> have the name of fighting like heroes

I done the best I could We were green of course but we advanced over that field amidst a hurrican of shot & shell in good shape I received the havelock

How much did it cost? It is a nice one recd 75 cts to-day in the letter I sent \$2.00 to you in a letter a few days ago