

Dear Sir
I am much obliged for the money
with thanks

Respectfully Yours
Wm. G. B. 17/18

Dear Bartholomew:

I received
yours of the 10th. and wish to thank
you for the money you have sent
I have just received some
of which I sent to the Saturday
thinking you might feel a little
nervous about the loss as we have
received. I now intend to write
you that I went down to the landing
last night & among the first boxes
among the other ones was an
iron bound one inscribed W. G. B.
I am glad but the inside is all
all I care about. I tell you these
boards with the cover of the quilt
are very getting into my text with
my prize. The tables were very nice
not being moulded in the least. The hem

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Dear Brother James:

I received yours of the 6th much further down south from you expected You have probably received none of which I sent last Saturday & thinking you might feel a little uneasy about the box as we have moved. I now hasten to write you that I went down to the landing last night & among the first boxes among the schooner load was an iron bound one superscribed (WJ Templeton) but just the inside is all I care about: I tell you those bands with the cover came off quick on my getting into my tent with my prise The edibles were very nice not being moulded in the least The ham

was most delicious as one of my tent
mates said it almost melted in our
mouths. The sausages, bolognes, dates
& figs were very nice. The doughnuts, pies,
were delicious. I can seem to see Emma's
sparkling eyes & her busy little fingers
hard at work while moulding out
the pie & little doughnuts. Dear Emma
I doubt not you enjoyed the day the
cakes & pies were made as well I have
the day part of those were eaten.

Dear Emma I thank you for remembering
me & will try & make you a present
that will repay you. Please say to
Mrs. Colby I sincerely thank her for
it & hope it will be in my power to
repay her sometime and dear Brother
I thank you too, you have been very
very kind to me & perhaps I know
I have been ungrateful will you
forgive me. One can not know the
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Where human life is not much
more thought of than horns & shells
I know there is not very brother
who has met with the misfortunes
trials & losses you have would
spend money & time in finding
one of your soldiers or a soldier's
As I wrote you last we are very
much pleased with our position
carriving ground we get almost
double the rations of sugar & coffee
more than double of potatoes &
onions. so you can see how they
have cheated us in quality &
quantity of rations. There is no wonder
that many dishonest officers are
making their fortunes out of
this war. I think the army of
the Portuguese will never be successful
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Where human life is not much more thought of than horses & mules I know there is not evry brother who has met with the misfortunes trials & losses you have would spend money & time in sending me a poor solider [?] luxuries As I wrote you last we are very much pleased with our new camping ground we got almost double the rations of sugar & coffee more than double of potatoes & onions. so you can see how they have cheated us in quality & quantity of rations. There is no mistake that many dishonest officers are making their fortunes out of this war. I think the army of the potomac will never be successful until a commanding officer can be appointed who will have the courage to look after the welfare of their men & bring the dishonest

common injuries & quarters masters
And now we have a tent of the King
I am not very sorry although
as the 1st boys said they will have
to stand for the 9th Corps before they can
do anything) I will tell you how we
were served by the 1st ten masters boys
made requisitions for shoes 3 months
before they received them & some of
them in a week or so before they
got them with the ground frozen
under it. I don't want for about
I suggest a quantity of boots 1500 or 2000
to be sent out but those who
don't get ahead have suffered
I have thought of my mind that if I
you'd look out for myself nobody will
take now come through as quick
as what makes it worth the while
you have been here for the 11th
I thought perhaps Emma would not
get a valentine this year so I've done
to her. I also enclose some drawings
showing our tent its appearance &c I can
see by that we have got a story under our
tent & it is very comfortable
you can send that drawing to home
sometimes when you write need not
worry about it Give my love to William &
his wife you can send me darling letters
as they come in & I'll

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commissaries & quarter-masters to justice

And now I have [?] out of the Army [?] I am not say sorry (although as the 21st boys said they will have to send for the 7th Corps before they can do anything) I will tell you how we were served by the quartermasters, boys made requisitions for shoes 3 months before they received them & some of [passage indecipherable] I thought perhaps Emma would not get a valentine this year so I send one to her. I also enclose some drawing showing our tent its appearance & c You see by that We have got a story under our canvas topped tent & it is very comfortable you can send that drawing on back home sometime when you write need not hurry about it Give my love to William & his wife you can send my dailey papers as they come in 8 days WJ

I am much obliged for the map & letter stamps will send pay soon