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& just joined us the other day.
We were paid off yesterday, the allotments
go to Concord as before. I expected to get
the whole amount here I received \$16.00
- \$3.00 you will get a receipt for from C.
I will send \$20.00 tomorrow or next day by
express. \$20.00. Father I want you to day
to take \$5.00 of it and give Mother \$5.00 also
the other \$10.00 I will give to Father. Tell
him to use it, not put it on interest
for me. I want Mother to take this
money & buy something she needs & knows
she needs it. I intended to send some
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