Camp of the 20th Maine Vol.
Near Jerusalem Bluff, Me.
Jan. 26th 1865

My Dear Sister:

It is with the greatest pleasure that I take this opportunity to write you a few lines to let you know that I am well and hope that these few lines will find you the same. We are rather cold weather at present, it rained all day yesterday and this morning. The snow falls hard and it is very cold. Jan. 26th 1865.

W. H. Colson. I must confess I did not finish my letter. It is Sunday, we have had an inspection today. We don’t have much duty to do. I have fair weather and quiet. Since I got back we don’t have to drill any more but expect to as soon as we get some recruits. We had one come this week. He is for one year. We got twenty men for duty in our Co.
Well, Helen, I suppose you want to know the news we tell them much that Snow of John Sykes is gone home in the morning on a fifteen days furlough he lives in Bangor etc. It is rumored that we are going home the last of May but I can't see it in that light. So wrote that you were going down to Jonah. I hope that you will have time give my best respects to Jonah and Wife. Helen let Etta and Colene that they both write. Helen we expect to get paid the fifteenth of this month.

Helen give my love Mother and Sue. This from your Brother.

Silvester P. Baker, Co. H 40th Maine

P.S. Peter is well.