Camp of the 18th Maine V.R.
For the Raid on Petersburg Va.
July 6th 1864

Dear Sister, Helen I now take my pen in hand to write a few lines to let you know that and still alive and that I hope that though few lines will find you the same, we still lay hear in the ditch before the Yound the reds have got strong works hear and so have we too Helen what kind of a time did you have the forth on your birth Day I should like to have bin at Home on the forth it is very hot hear in the day and cool in the night and it is dry we had had only rain since we crossed the river and it don't look like rain noth Helen I suppose that you would like to now what the boys are doin now some one the boys are playing cards and
some are playing checkers some are sliding.
I Writing this boys are all well we have
not got a sick man in our Co we have
lost four and one has promoted
to Capt of Co F and the other is
promoted to 1st Lieut of Co E and
our Capt is Act Maj our Co O
was wounded on the 18th of June he
fell leading the 3rd Brigade on.
Charge he was a brave and good man
as ever lived I see in the papers
that he is promoted to Brigadier
Genl that makes two that our Regt
has sent and they are two smart
men Helen what is Colonel doing
now I want to know what the
News is at home and the folks are
adoring Helen tell the boys to
Come for now is the time that
we need them to help us hug the
Rebels not be going out why dont
the army move let them come out
give and lay u and then see of
And see if they think that Genl. Grant and Mead is slow then Helen we never lived better than we have on Campagueone we have enough to eat weigh along but we have had to fight and march & work hard since we left Camp Helen Peter is all right he is at Gettysburg that is always well and ready for anything that comes along I hope that we shall all live to get home alive and well it is that to be a good girl and write to me Helen shall have to bring the letter to close write of to From your Brother

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To

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