

Camp of 4<sup>th</sup> Maine Reg. Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> 1862  
Mrs. Leach.

Dear Mad.

Henry writes to you and asked me to inform you of his good conduct and valour in the battle we have just fought and the many others we have taken part in since my connection with "F." Co. 4<sup>th</sup> Maine.

I am proud and happy to say that I have ever regarded Henry one of the bravest and truest soldiers that it has ever been my lot to meet with.

His position has been by my side in all battles, I have never yet seen him falter in face of the enemy, or turn back from the bullets and bayonets of the foe.

Maine has sent many brave men to the field, but none braver than Henry.

Believe <sup>me</sup> your true friend and

Obt. servt.

S. S. Stearns

1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. Comd. "F." Co. 4<sup>th</sup> Maine  
Volts.