1862-12-18 Lieutenant Solomon Stearns writes Mrs. Leach about her brave son Henry

Solomon S. Stearns

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Mrs. Leach.

Dear Mad.

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

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

He's positive. He's by my side in all battles; I have never yet seen his father in face of the enemy or turn back from the heat and noise of the fray.

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

Believe your true friend and

Obl. servt.

S. S. Stevens

1st Lieut. Co. "F" 4th Maine

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