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Camp 2nd Maine Caval
Battalion Idaho July 10

Dear Mother

I now seat myself to
write you a few lines. to let
you know that i am well
and hope these lines will
meet you all the same.
i have not heard from home
for some time. i received a
letter from Thomas. wife before
last. i assure me
for not writing before i
got back from peninsular
last wife i have been up
there about four weeks
and i did not have any
paper nor any thing else to
write with and so i neglected
it. i had a nice time

I lived first rats i had green
apples peaches watermelons green
corn new potatoes and such
like as Mess Samuel Court to
say they got pretty big

But as the old saying is
i was bound to like Well
if i did not lay up a cent.
but i have got to back.

down here and i shall have
to go with out. i dont
think that we shall stay
near a great while there
is a talk of our going to
Montgomery and i hope we
shall any where to get
out of this place. i think
if i am ever lucky enough
to get out of this school that
i shall stop in pendacalar
a few years that is the place
to make money it is
a smart little place and

it is a damn rite wth the
sitizens want me to open
a slavery stable and i think
it would pay first rate
they are building the railroad
from there to montgomery.
i worked up there ^{for a while} two
days and got eight dollars
for it. if wages are very
low it is very bad and dry
we have not had any rain
for about three months at
least. wonto speak of. i suppose
that a Daniel and Eben are
to work a haying. i should
like to be there to help
them, but as long as my
health remains good i shall
not grumble. but i cant
see what they want of
us here. the Colonel has
got a new finale in his
head. he have got to go out

at three O'clock every
day in the hot sun and
drill it is most ~~time~~
so i will close please write
after and tell the rest
to write tell Celinda i should
think that she must write
if dan dont tell dan i
heard that he swept ~~peres~~
the other day and i should
like to have him write and
tell me about it

i guess you will have hard
work to find this out write
it in a hurry
Give my love to all
get this write as soon as you
from
Deputy W. C. Cline



Mrs. Martha Q. Burn.
North Corner Bridge.
Maine.