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Annapolis October the 18th 1861

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Dear father and Mother and brother, and
sister I take my pen in hand to let you
know that I am yet alive and in the land of
the living we have moved from Baltimore to
Annapolis the Capital of Maryland say say
with Joe Comrades are stationed ten miles
from here by routes on the rail road leading
to Baltimore and Washington we are what
you may call on time tickets the most com-
gers spot in war every one has to look on for
number one we are 20 miles from Baltimore and 15
from Washington we can hear the roar of Cannon
the most every day while I am writing this
the stillness is broke by the boom of Cannon it takes
thirty five thousand men to guard Maryland
there is secession farmers and union farmers
alliving all around us they have all got a long
it is nothing new on the south to see
from 20 to 50 of them grass our tents in one
going to which they are deep sleepers
all my own finest bodies were the and the men
are deep sleep better than the habering, the buff mouth

They are ignorant and foolish set of
human beings the wenches send niger things
around our Camps night being to steal
our food and Clothing now I will tell you
about our fair list for breakfast we have tea and
good bread since beef beans and bread ^{with} coffee six
free coffee for tea too beef and bread 22 ounces bread
per day pound beef of ten ^{or 12} of pork once a week three
quarters of tea & coffee for every one bed and bedding
one straw tick one fl. woolen blanket one eun bed blan-
ket over throat gun and maps sack beating box body
tob. very knife and canteen we show our pay
to Moscow it amounts to 46 dollars of rice tell
me if John strands in need of some change
and if he does I will send him enough to
~~get it~~ give him or start tell Henry
that I want he should try and get
my little money for or her fl. wickel mother
and take care of her for me and be father
to her and tell Henry that I don't expect
to love se. him again and if death should
relieve me of the troubles of this world that

I want that he should get what
will be due to me from my country
which will be one hundred dollars in
Cash and one hundred and 60 acres
of government land and send my best
friend and take care of it for my little
girl tell me the town and County and
state that James and Gilbert lives
in so that I can write to them

I am going to get my things taken
and sent it home so that you can look
out old Joe the scabber tell Kate that
I should like to see her tell John Wilson
that I am going to write to him soon
I shall get across home in the spring
if you tell me if old Cox of N. inter
will be dead or alive when I come home is that there
revenge on my lying wife and her man, Perry the black
if it and boys they and murderers and bastards and boys
I shall try him with a spear the blue pill is a killer
him as easy as any secessionist can use to danger
give my love to all friends and don't forget
of my boys

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I must give this as soon as you can
good by father and mother and not
forgetting Kate. I this from your
son that forgot his fathers coun-
sels
Joseph (his true

J. NEW.

Direct your letter to Washington
in Care of Captain Richardson
Co F ²¹ the regiment Massachusetts
volunteers