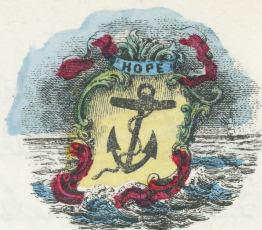




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Oscar E. Heydon
Washington
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Co. B. 34 Regt N. Y. S. V.

Providence Dec. 15. 1861

Camp McLean Headquarters
34 Regt N. Y. S. V.
Dear Sister

I received your in
due time and was glad to get it
for I want to hear from you and
to know whether you got my
money. your letter informs me that
you got it all right I have not
received the paper that you sent
me when you sent ^{the} letter but I
may yet. send me some more papers
and I will send you some if I
can. we are still at Edwards Ferry

and have gone in for Winter yet.
" dont know as we shall at present
it is verry pleasant weather here
for Winter we have not had
eney snow here yet but some cold
~~night~~ nights for ^{us} to lie under
canpas I am an Picket to day
and have bang for 4 days and
perhaps we will be longer we are
situated an Picket oposite the
island and Balls Bluff our
men are building a fort here
and we are kept back in the
woods for a reserve to our Picket
there is two companies of us
here at present Co. E. and
Co. of the 34th 2 companies
of the 1 minisotia and a
good many other soldiers
of diferent Regiments at work
getting out timber and digging
the Artillery shelled a Rebel Battery
acrost the river yesterday wick

drove them out double quick from
what we could see at this side.
there is not ^{much} disturbance on the upper
Potomac at present. as for my
likeness I have not sent it yet
but I will as soon as I can
I have to go to the Post Office
at Bollsville before I can
send on account of postage
I have been more than a week
trying to get there but I cant
get a pass. Well done for
Mr. G. Base sgr. if that young
Elworth is as smart as its
father he can feel proud of
him in his old age he must feed
him on good milk and corn and will
soon have a fine soldier for the
grand federal army in a short time
you will have a nice time sitting
with your singing school this winter
if you try to them to sing. you must
right as soon ~~as~~ as you get my

Picture so I will know whether
you got it or not. When you
rite to me again direct your
letters or papers

O. B. Henderson

Washington

Co. C. 34 regt. D. U. S. A.
and will make ^{no} difference
~~with~~ where I be in the country
it will come shure for the
letters directed to the 34th
will follow the regt. if we
went to south carolina
after this direct to Washington
as long as I am a soldier
in this war

I am ~~am~~ very
well at present and hope they
will find you the same.
if you ~~not~~ wish you can send
me some thing by ~~a~~ express to
Washington I ~~suppose~~ ^{But I would not}
from your Brother ~~again~~ ^{for I may not}
O. B. Henderson J. W. M.