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to day of our Division witch has ever got but if we hav but 2 Brigades in it now ours to cross the river to hight is the second witch has got 9 him it will be a rough time Beginnents it is comanded by Gen I let you Frank if we hav a Hayer, heing one of the pinest fight & are lucky enough to drive in the whole armey we are goin them into Brehmond then we hav to move lamp in the morning we got them I think I shal try & hav ben temposarely attacthed to come home this summer if thing the second Corps thouse is no third work right you had better feat Cosps now we are the third Divisi your back this summer & get all of the second bork being consolar off from them lots into money with the celd second Division of as soon as you can for when the third borps there is no this thing does take a turn it news hear we don't know what will be hard times & a man that is goin on out of hearing that has got land or property of emy is a great menney sumors gam hind to be tayed it will take hear but it looks as though half the value to pay it I can thank might he some hard see it hear better than people fighting hear soon the prisence at home can I shal not give the that we take lately say that reason hear, but waite & see. Fell har 90,000. men & well soon understand me when I say money attack us if he does he will I mean hard cash & not scrip & get the worst whiping an army wish I could come home & talk

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Camp of the 17th Maine Reg't of Volunteer Infantry

Near Brandy Station Culpepper County Virginia

April 24th, 1864

Dear Cousin Frank,

I received your kind letter the other day & was glad to hear from you once more & to hear that you are all well. I am well & hearty & trust this will find you the same & the rest of the family. It is fine weather here now the peach trees are in the blossom & flowers of different kinds are in bloom in the fields & woods. Grass is green and looks fine where there is a spot that is not trampled upon by the troops. It is Sunday but we don't have any Sunday in the army we have had an inspection today of our Division which has but 2 Brigades in it now ours is the second which has got 9 Regiments it is commanded by Gen Hayes, being one of the finest in the whole army. We are goin to move Camp in the morning we have been temporarily attached to the second Corps. There is no third Corps now we are the third Division of the second Corps being consolidated with the old second Division of the third Corps. There is no news here we don't know what is goin on out of hearing there is a great many rumors goin here but it looks as though there might be some hard fighting here soon. The prisoners that we take lately say that Lee has 90,000 men & will soon attack us. If he does he will get the worst whipping an army ever got but if we have to cross the river to fight him it will be a rough time. I tell you Frank if we have a fight & are lucky enough to drive them into Richmond then we have got them. I think I shall try & come home this summer. If things work right you had better pile your cash this summer & get all off from them lots into money as soon as you can for when this thing does take a turn it will be hard times & a man that has got land or property of any kind to be taxed it will take half the value to pay it. I can see it here better than people at home can I shall not give the reason here but wait & see. Understand me when I say money I mean hard cash & not script. I wish I could come home & talk things over with you but there. If I get killed out here it won't make a damn odds to me how the thing goes only I don't want my children to suffer for bread. Take good care of my rifle & revolver keep them well oiled the revolver sure for I think more of that than two rifles. I shall want to use it after I get home. I have lost two rifles this spring it is a damn rough one on me too for they cost \$19.00 each which takes three months pay. But some poor cus (cousin) has got to lose more than that if I live to serve my time out. Dead men is no fright to a soldier that has seen service where I have been. It is thought nothing of to drive a team over the bodies of men their legs and arms sticking up as the wheels roll over them their bones crack like dry sticks.

April 24th, 1864, Camp of the 17th Maine, Regiment of Volunteer Infantry. \$550.00 Near Brandy Station, Culpeper County, Virginia. C. Albert Gammon writes a letter to his Cousin Frank. This is a very fine letter with alot of War news.

- 1. Weather is nice, peach trees blooming, green grass, when not all trampled down.
- 2. Take care of your rifle, costs \$19.00 to replace.
- 3. Lee's Army across the river with 90,000 men.
- 4. Seen alot of bad scenes of dead men, it is thought nothing to drive a team over bodies of dead men, arms and legs stick up as the wheels roll them, their bones crack like dry sticks.