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Camp near Frederick

Dear Sister

I take the present

opportunity to write you

to let you know that I

am well. I can only

hope to get a letter from

you would write oftener than

you have done. I should have

written oftener than I have done

if I had postage stamps or money

to buy any. I have had

to buy stamps but they are so scarce

as pens & ink there. Money I

tell Edwin that I have no money

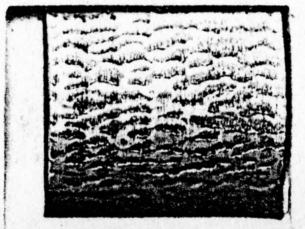
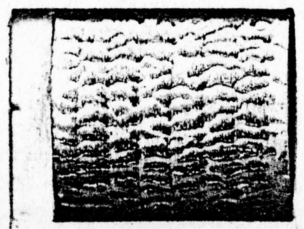
left. I am only asking you to

send me some money now so I

can write some letters and buy some

tobacco & other necessaries of life.

I have got so tired of walking ~~round~~
- back and forth that I think I
had some money I would get some-
thing different I have had to come
to ground and I feel rather happy
sometimes I am in good health
I am sure that I would be well
enough to be sent home in a
day to be sent just to get
I have not had any more babies
I exhibit an account of sickness
which I wish to mention, I hope
I shall not be well enough to
be sent home and I should be
sent into a Hospital and I don't
want to go there there has been
a great deal of sickness here
I hope that is the way they discharge
I don't know how we will be except
they pay most of them off in secret
I would like to go home with
perhaps when you would like
to have me. What I will see



a little more of the Elephant than
I have seen yet. I dont like our
Captain as well as I did and the
rest of the company are Jitties
He is too cross and overbearing
but I get along with him first
rate I have obeyed orders so far
to the letter. He has never spo-
ken a cross word to me yet nor
have any of the officers. Well I dont
not to rise up get of his Oak timber
I may be at home next spring and
I want a job of Sawing & heading
I guess the war will be over by that
time. We have just completed our
Shanty. We have got a fire place in it
and it is quite comfortable. The
whole Brigade is fixing up for
winter quarters. Our Regt. have just
completed their Houses. We had
to carry our timber about 12 miles
We are cooking a kettle full of
Bean Soup. A Yorker Stile quite
a rarity to us. What are your

I have not heard from
Ed. Wilkins yet

Christmas & New Years dinners
to be compared with such a
dinner as ours will be? How I do
pity you poor folks at home
You don't know what good living
is, but you must not fail to
send me that money this time
so I can buy a loaf of soft bread
I am afraid I shall get acut^{er}
to good living so I shall hate
to break off if I keep on eating
hard bread. I don't know

when we shall get our pay here
Can you tell me where W^m
Andrews is? Give my love to
Fannie & Frank & Little Arthur
I have read this letter over and
all the sense I can make out
of it is that I want some
money and am well hoping
you are the same

Good Day John C. Porter
Co. H. 15th Regt. A. F. C.