

Oct 22, 1862

Our Captain, Scott Coleman
died last Saturday. He was sick
only two weeks, his disease was
Typhoid fever, and Diphtheria.
We miss him very much.
He was a fine young man
and very kind to his company.
His Brother William, was
here with him when he died,
and had gone home with the
corpse. His folks no doubt,
will feel very bad. But I
hope he is better off.
Lieut. Packiff ^{is} sick with
the same fever, but is a little
better now, but I think he
will never be a well man
while he stays here!
There are about 200,000
Soldiers here now, and it is quite
likely the soldiers hereabouts
are dying very fast!!

We have not been in battle
yet, but don't know how soon
we shall.

Saturday Morning, 23rd
I have not much more to write
this time. We have cold nights
here now, but I expect it is a
great deal colder in Maine, than
it is here. We don't hear of
much fighting at the present
time, and I guess both parties
north and south have got about
tired of fighting.

Now, do you think this
rebellion will be put down
by fighting? I am afraid it
never will. This war has caused
a great destruction of property, as
well as lives! and if it is not
settled up soon, it will be
a ruination to this country.
But no more about this?

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I want you to write to me
as often as you can, and I
will try and do the same.
Tell Huldah to write
whenever she has an opportunity.
But I must close for
the Bugle is sounding for
Inspection.

Ad good bye for this
time. Direct to
Washington as before
my best respects
to your family &c &c
from your Brother

O. Davis Jr

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Bolivar Heights Va Oct 22/60

Dear Brother

Yours of the 10th came
to hand, to night, also one from
Nancy. I was truly glad to hear from
you, to hear that you were all
well. H. Nancy's family were all
well except the baby, when she
wrote also Ruth, and Frances.
She says Phoebe was quite sick
with Erysipilus in the head.
Her baby was also sick with
canker, I am sorry for Phoebe
for she has it hard enough,
even when she is well.
I had a letter from Richard
Maddock, a few days since, he
says, Mary's health is very good
this fall; the rest of his family
were well, H. Father, and
Mother ~~that~~ as well as usual.

Oct 29, 1862

Brother, Almon.
I should be very happy
to have seen you, when
you were at Lincoln.
But if I live, to get out of
this and your line, I mean
to come and see you.
Almon I have not seen
for a long time, but I
know. She does not seem
much like farming. There
is a number of good boys here
that number only 100 men,
it looks wicked to see Reg-
to recruit. I think if there
had not been so many cursed
katox in our army, their war
would have been a blooded up
long ago. Thursday morning
We had one more die last night
with Diphtheria. It is getting to
be very tickly here, but I must
close them. D. A. Richard