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Youth concluded Dec 23

Dear father I received your  
letter with much pleasure on the  
the sixth day of Dec and  
I received Alceys answer on  
the 18 day of Dec also one  
from J. C. Piercey marey  
Jane said she wanted to see  
how I like soldiering tel her  
that that I will tel her all  
about it when i've get home  
et gain tel her when she rights  
to give my name at the top  
of the envelop <sup>or</sup> I think it is  
much nicer this than at the  
bottom if it pleases her to  
do so George says he roat home  
for some letter stamps and

wasent fit for a hog to drink  
the cuck was the dork they had  
on the boat and he didnt throw  
the grounds out a tol of dont  
think and the sault beef didnt  
get washed at all coffee or  
hog wash was all we got and  
beaf and hard bread this is  
at Valent wick we ar in it  
is about eight miles <sup>wide</sup> long and  
fifteen long we can see plenty  
of cotton stalks standing when  
this was taking it was sprouting  
near all in cotton and sweet  
potatoes but it is prutty near  
all tramped down there is  
about sixteen thousand troops  
hear now I cant tel you for  
ferten how many for they eap  
coming and others going further  
we are throing up breast works  
hear now and we will have et  
strong fort soon befor long  
the breast works is prout three  
to four miles long around  
hus when we got of the boat we  
had to wait in water about  
three great days et giting at  
shore for the tid was down and the  
work that they was building didnt  
reach out this and that night we

because we didnt  
had to sleep on the ground

all present  
didnt get any ans wer yet  
at Virsea in Moneys letter <sup>said</sup> that  
brother told them in his letter  
that I was getting fat in Duets  
and potatoes and she wanted to  
no ho we cucked them and wether  
we swindged them or not ask  
her how she stringes them ones  
that is swimming in the Delaw  
are river then I thing she  
will no how I string theas ones  
that was swimming in the  
bay georg and I is well at presen  
and I hop that you are all the  
same but their is at god mency  
how the messils now Joseph Booth  
has them now long leged stairs was  
left behind at Fortays narrow  
Va. all the hundred boys is well  
except the one

I still remain your affectionate  
son in care of G. Dentons  
I left Fortays narrow on  
the eight of Dec you hear we  
came hear on the Steam Ship  
carson we had nice wether  
until the 11 of the month and  
that night the wind blew a  
living gail for about four ours  
and the rains ran over deck  
then their was some sick boys  
they was spuing all round  
as well as the other thing but  
it didnt make me sick  
that night I was at little sick  
the next morning but I couldnt  
speak right whel we got hear  
the sixteenth after eight days  
on sea that is at good  
wile then you haint half  
at my to eat the coffee we had  
I want you to tel me wether you

Stamps had gone for  
we cant get  
his letter or not  
have to pay