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Winchester Frederick Co Va
March 8 A.D. 1863

Dear Father & Mother,

This very time
I weigh 162½ lbs by the scales. I am well
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put those new Socks on 2 or 3 days ago
and I wear the mittens which "mother
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Good Bye J S Armistey

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Mr. John. O. Porter Esq.
West Jamesville
Harrisonburg
County Ohio.

7th of the wages of 29 men for 4 days

Feb 1921. What is the wages of

36 men for 4 days

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