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The Union & Constitution.

June 21, 1861

Dear Mother

I have

just my ten hours

and hope that these

lines will find you in

the same state of health

as we are all safe they

are all well and safe they

are all well and safe they

are all well and safe they

are all well and safe they

are all well and safe they

are all well and safe they

are all well and safe they

are all well and safe they

are all well and safe they

are all well and safe they

are all well and safe they

are all well and safe they



Tell Anna that
I send my
love to her
and to all the
rest of you and
we have as much
as we can eat and
we are happy and
hope that you
are the same.

Dear friends I
expect to come
home with the
captain in a few
weeks, to spend a
day or so tell all
of my friends
that I am well
and hope that
these few friends
will find the all

well we ever
mustered in this
morning we are
a happy set of
Solais and all are
in as a nice a
place as you ever
saw I hope that
you will write
to me before long
and tell me how
you are all getting
along. Tell Anna
to write to me
and direct your
letters in the care
of Captain Henderson
Campway
Chester Chester
County

from John F. Brady

to my father

erect your letters
to come my way
west Chester

Chester County

to Charles F. Fesler

June [one word illegible] 1861
West Chester Camp [?]

vane [?] Dear Mother

I take ---- ---- [two words illegible] up my pen to informe you that i am well at presant and hope that these few lines will find you all in the same state of helth we are all safe the ---- [one word illegible] we got last week [4 lines illegible] till our three month are up and then I expect to come home then we all happy here it is the nicest place that i ever saw

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tell anna that i send my love to her and to all the rest of you and we have as much as we can eat and we are happy and hope that you are the same

Dear frends i expect to come home with the capten in a few weeks to stand a day or so tell all of my frends that i am well and hope that these few lines will find them all

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well we wer mustered in this morning we are a happy set of soldrs and we are in as a nice a place as you ever saw i hope that you will right to me before long and tell me how you are all giting along tell anna to write to me and drect your leters in the care of capten henderson Camp Wayne Chester Chester County

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from John T Cuddy

to my father

drect your leters to camp Wayne West Chester Chester County to Carlisle feseter [?]



Old Blowregard will soon expire,
While thus he drills his shv MAN-asses,
For they can never stand our fire,
While they feed on Secession grasses.

Camp Wayne
June 30 1861.
Dear mother i
take the
opportunity
to informe

that we are
all well at presant and
I hope that these few lines
will find you all in
the same state of health
we are giting along as
well as ever we ware
at ourch this morning
and we have a christens
camp, here we all try to
do as we cant to do
our clothes is all here and
we are to git them to mason
and our gurnes to parote.
to any this morning i got
one letter from hes since
i left from tell hes to write to me

Dear mother i send my
love to you all and hope
to come home agin
after the ware is over
and spend a happy life
with you all tell my
brothers and magy that
i send my love to them ^{all}
and tell them that i
sade that they should
be good and do as
they are told and
remember their brother
John T Caddy and
i shall remember
them as long as i live
we git to go to the
brandy wine crick once
a week to wash and
we have unice time there
we stand our tessel in the
best way we can

Dear friends since i have come
so far from home i have
gained five pounds. we have
good living here we want
nothing but money is scarce
here but nothing else
tell all my friends that
we listed for a good
cause and that was
to save our country and
to keep the stars and
stripes and we hope
that god will helpe
us to keep the flag up
fore ever the country is
ours for ever and if
we git in a battel and
git killed we hope
that god will save
our souls fore ever
and i pray to him fore
help and trust in him
fore ever

and Dear friends
if you have a dollar
to spare send me one to
buy paper and envelopes
and stamps and we
hope to git our way
this week or next
and tell any to my
wright to me as soon
as she can and i hope
that you will wright
to me as soon as you can
and if i ever come
home agin it will be
a good day i will
send half of my
pay home as soon
as i git it remember
your son John T Cuddy

John T Cuddy

Camp Wayne
June 30, 1861

Dear mother i take the opportunity to informe that we are all well at presant and hope that these few lines will find you all in the same state of helth we are giting along as well as ever we ware at curch this morning and we have a christens camp here we all trie to do as we out to do our clothes is all here and we are to git them to morrow and our gunes to i rote to any this morning i got one letter from her since i left home tell her to write to me

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Dear mother i send my love to you all and hope to come home agin after the ware is over and spend a happy life with you all tell my brothers and mayry [Mary] that i send my love to them all and tell them that i sade that they should be good and do as they are told and remember ther brother John T Cuddy and i shall remember them as long as i live we git to go to the brandy wine crick once a week to wash and we have a nice time there we stend our time in the best way we can

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Dear frends since i have come so fare from home i have ganed five pounds we have good living here we want nothing but money is scare here but nothing else tell all my frendes that we listed for a good cause and that wase to save our contry and to hep the stares and stripes and we hope that god will helpe us to keep the flag up fore ever the country is ours for ever and if we git in a battel and git killed we hope that god will save our soles fore ever and i pray to him for help and trust in him for ever

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And Dear frendes if you have a doller to spare send me one to buey paper and invelops and stamps and we hope to git our pay this week ore next and tell anny to wright to me as son as she can and i hope that you will wright to me as soon as you can and if i ever come home agin i will be a good boy i will send half of my pay home as soon as i git it remember your son

John T Cuddy

John H Cuddy



Camp Wayne
West Chester

July the 4 1801

Dear friends I received
your letter this

morning and was
glad to here from
you and I hope
that these few lines

may find you all
injoying good health
this morning the Tow
edgments started

to town and marched
thru every street in
the Town and then

we went out to the
woods and got a

nice dinner there

we come in to the

camp and rested

for we ware very

tired

Dear friends I am
very happy and
so is all the rest
of our company
the same and we
try to do
as well as we
can and I hope
that you are doing
the same and I hope
to meet you again
in this world and
if not in this world
I hope to meet you
all in heaven Tell Anna
to write to me and
I send my love to
you all and I hope
that you will not
forget me and
I am not a going to
forget you

We have got our
coats and capes and
pansalones and
overcoats and our
armes and we have
plenty to eat here
and i am very
glad that you
sent me them
two Hamblers and
wif i ever git
home agin
i will say you
we go to curck on
Sunday and we
trust in god for
he is the only
one we have to
trust in and we
do not know when
we will git home
agin remember me

wright I do u to me
and i expect to come home
agin
tell all my friends

That i am git ing along
very well and i hope
that you are doing the
same we are all well
at present and we hope
that you are the same
excuse that I diding
and had wrighting
fore i was in a
hurry when i wrote
it for it was nerly
nigh tell my brothers
and mary that i send
my love to them and
all the rest of you
and tell any to wright
to me and any wright
to me and tell you all
are giting along nothing
more at present but
remembes you John T. Cutler
John H. Cuddy

Camp Wayne
West Chester
July the 4 1861

Dear friends i recived your letter this morning and was glad to here from you and i hope that these few lines may fine you all injoying good helth this morning the tow redgments started to town and marched thrwe every street in the town and then we went out to the woods and got a nice dinner there we come in to th camp and rested for we ware very tired

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Dear frends i am very happy and so is all the rest of our company is the same and we try to do as well as we can and i hope that you are doing the same and i hope to meet you agin in this world and if not in this world i hope to meet you all in heven tell anna to write to me and i semd my love to you all and i hope that you will not forgit me and i am not a going to for git you

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We have got our coats and capes and pansaloones ana [and] over cotes and our atmes and we have plenty to eat here and i am very glad that you sent me them tow dollers [?] and if i ever git home agin i will tay [pay?] you we go to curch on Sunday and we trust in god for he is the only one we have to trust in and we do not know when we will git home agin remember me

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wight soon to me and i expect to came home agin tell all my frends that i am giting along very well and i hope that you are doing the same we are all well at presant and we hope that you are the same excuse that bloting and bad wrihing fore i was in a hury when i rote it for it was nerly nigh tell my brothers and mary that i send my love to them and all the rest of you and tell any to wright to me and noy wright to me and tell you all are giting along notting more at presant but remember me

John T Cuddy

John H Cuddy



Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto "In God is our trust,"
And the Star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

John J. Conroy

Camp Wayne
West Chester
July the 7 1861

Dear Father i
take my pen

up to inform

you that i am well at present

and i hope that these few

lines may find you all

in the same state of health

and we are still happy

and i hope that you are

the same we spent a happy

footh of July here we have

vice time here and i send

my love to you all

and our consienys is

to have one hundess and

fore men in each company

and William Henderson

is up there to recrute again

i belive that the
north is goin to
resrade a big army
and then we will
make the south in the
we are agin

the south cannot stand
before our army we
will soon lick the south
and then we will come
home and we will spend
a happy life with you
agin i hope to come home
as soon as we git payed
and we think that we will
git paid on monday
and if we do we think
that i will come home
on next friday git a
parol for five days and
i hope to git our discharge
in three months

We have more fun here
then ever you saw
we can git a pass wen
never we want to go to
town and we ware
down at the brandy wine
yest day at the battel
ground ware the battel
of brandy wine is fought
our capten is the best
capten on the grounds
there is about sixteen
kindred men in the
camp now and we
all live as bro ther
here the most of us
goes to church on
sunday we have
more then we can eat
and we got our clothes
last week ther are
god ones

we all trust in god
for help we get along
as well as ever we
could do at home
but i hope that this
ware will be over
in three months
and i hope to come home
then spend a happy life
with you agin
tell all my friends
that i send my love
to them and tell my
Wenters and mary that
i send my love to them
and all the rest of you
and tell chargret of Baker
to right to me and i
want you to right to
me as soon

nothing at presant but
remember you son

John T Cuddy
John H. Cuddy

John T Cuddy
Camp Wayne
West Chester
July the 7 1861

Dear Father i take my pen up to inform you that i am well at presant and i hope that these few lines may find you all in the same state of helth and we are still happy and i hope that you are the same we spent a happy forth of July here we have nice time here and i send my love to you all and our compenys is to have one hunders and fore men in each compny and William Henderson is up there to recrute agin

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i belive that the north is going to rase a big army and then we will make the south in the union agin

the south cannot stand before our army we will soon lick the south and then we will come home and we will spend a happy life with you agin i hope to come home as soon as we git payed and we think that we will git pade on monday and if we do i think that i will come home on next friday git a farlo for five days and i hope to git our discharge in three months

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We have more fun here then ever you saw we can git a pass wen never we want to go to town and we ware down at the brandy winie yestday at the battel ground ware the battel of brandy wine ias faught our capten is the best capten on the grounds there is about sixteen hindred men in the campe now and we all live as brother here the most of us goes to curch on Sunday we have more then we can eat and we got our clothes last week ther are good ones

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we all trust in god for help we git along as well as ever we could do at home but i hope that this ware will be over in three monthes and i hope to come home then spend a happy life with you agin tell all my frends that i send my love to them and tell my brothers and mary that i send my love to them and all the rest of you and tell Margret A Baker to right to me and i want you to right to me soon
nothing at presant but remember your son

John T Cuddy

John H Cuddy



Camp Wayne

July 9 1861

Dear father

I received your

letter this

morning and

was glad to here from
you that you are all
well i am well at
present and i hope that
there few lines may
find you in the same
state of health we are
all happy and getting
along very well as
we could get home
we now not when we
may get home but when
we get home we may

have a nice picnic then ^{again} home
i pray to god that we may get

Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto "In God is our trust."
And the Star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

but if we never
git home i pray
that we may meet
in heven never part agin
but i hope to git
some time before long
and i am happy to say
that we have praye meeting
in the camp on Sunday evening
and got a church in the
morning and we try
to have as good a camp
as we can we can git
as pass whenever we
want to go to town or
out in the country
we have the best sciled
gecamping that is in the
camp there is twenty
in this camp now
but we all try to
live as brothers and
there is now fighting here

Dear friends we have
listed for a very good
reason and that is to
save our country from
the rebels and we hope
that we may get home
some time before long
but if we get killed
in war we hope that
we may meet you all in
heaven above never to part
tell Margaret & A Baker
and et marda that i send
my love to them all
and to you all and
tell them to write to
me soon and tell them
all that we have
plenty to eat here
and have more time to
rest here then we had
at home

tell Margereta et Baker
its right home as
soon as she can

but still i hope
that we may git
home again to spend
a happy life with
you send my love
to you all and i
still trust in god
for help for he is the
only one that can
help us nothing
more at presant
but remember me
telle all then that if
we git in a battle
and git killed we hope
to meet you all in
sheren right for me
soon

John Huddy
John Huddy

Camp Wayne
July 9 1861

Dear father

i recived your letter this morning and was glad to here from you that you are all well i am well at presant and i hope that these few lines may find you in the same state of helth we are all happy and giting along very well as we could at home we now not when we may git home but when we git home we may have a nice time then i pray to god that we may git home agin

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but if we never git home i pray that we may meet in heven never part agin but i hope to git some time before long and i ame happy today that we have pray meeting in the camp on Sunday eving and go to curch in the morning and we try to have as good a camp as we can we can git a pass whenever we want to go to town ore out in the cuntry we have the best driled compny that is in the camp there is twenty in this camp now but we all try to live as brothers and there is now fiting here

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tell Margerta A Baker to right to me as soon as she can but still i hope that we may git home agin to spend a happy life with you i send my love to you all and i still trust in god for help for he is the only one that can help us nothing more at presant but remember me tell all then that if we git in a battle and git killed we hope to meet you all in heven right to me soon

John T Cuddy

John H Cuddy

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Washington August 4 1861

Dear Mother i take up my pen to informe
you that we are all well at present and
hope that these few lines may find you all
in the same state of health we are getting
along as well as ever we moved this morning
about eight miles and now we are about
seven miles from Washington City
and now we are in a nice camp in Maryland
state we still get as much as we can eat
i hope that we may get home again
christmas and stay we have good
luck wher ever we go and the South
will not last long for we will lick
them once and then they will give up
and then the war will be over then
tell them all that i send my best love
to them all i am still happy and trust
in god and i pray to him and hope
that we may all come home safe and
tell amanda and Ann that i send my
best love to them and you i have saw
a grate deal of the contry since i left
home we ware one day in Baltimore City
and Samuel & Beth and me was all
over the city and saw a good many
seaseners there and in Washington City
we have lean fore times and seen a grate many
nice things then we are all in hope
that we may all get home again before
next spring and stay with youens and
hope to spend a happy life with you we still
do good and trust in god for our lives
and hope to see you all well and getting
along good i trust that the war will not
last longer then till christmas and then we
will come home

we have a nice time since i was at
home and i pray that i may git
home safe again

Dear friends i am still
happy to send my love to you
all and we hope to come home as
soon as this ware is over for it
cannot last long for old scoot
has too many soldgers and they will
soon be licked out they cant stand
our fire for we have miny rifels
and they are too much cowards
down here dear Mother i hope to come
home in too or three monthes
and i hope that the time is short
with you for it is very short
hedr a day flyes round in a short time
tell Mrs McBeth that samuel is
well and is giting along as well
as ever and he hopes to git home
to stay again christmurst and we
hope to spend a happy fife with
you all nothing more at pres and
but rite to me and tell anna to rite
to me and direct ^{your letters to} washington D C
in care of cornel Harvy
compry at and 1 redgment

and i hope in god and trust in
him and hope that i may come home
safe again and tell margret a
at Baker root to forgit and rite

remembers John T Cuddy

John H Cuddy

Washington agust 3 4 1861

Dear Mother i take up my pen to informe you that we are all well at presant and hope that these few lines may find you all in the same state of helth we are giting along as well as ever we moved this morning about eight miles and now we are about seven miels [sic] from washington Sity

and now we are in a nice camp in myrland state we still git as much as we can eat i hope that we may git home again christmust and stay we have good luck wher ever we go and the South will not last long for we will lick them once and then they will give up and then the ware will be over then tell them all that i send my best love to them all i am still happy and trust in god and i pray to him and hope that we may all come home safe and tell amanda and Ann that i send my best love to them and you i have saw agrate deal of the contry Since i left home we ware one day in baltimore Sity and Samuel McBeth and me was all over the sity and saw a good meny seaeseners [secessionists?] ther and in washington Sity we have bean fore times and seen a grate meny nice things ther we are all in hope that we may all git home again before next Spring and stay with youens and hope to stend [spend] a happy life with you we still do good and trust in god for our lives and hope to see you all well and giting along good itrust that the ware will not last longer then till christmust and then we may come home

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we have a nice time since i was at home and i pray that i may git home safe again

Dear frends i am still happy to send my love to you all and we hope to come home as soon as this ware is over for it cannot last long for old Scoot has too meny Soldgers and tey [they] will soon be licked out they cant stand our fire for we fave [have] miny rifels and they are too much cowards down hear dear Mother i hope to come home in too ore three months

and i hope that the time is short with you for it is very short hear a day flyes round in a short time tell Mrs McBeth that Samuel is well and is giting along as well as ever and he hopes to git home to stay again christmust and we hope to Spend a happy life with you all nothing more at pres and but rite to me and tell anna to rite to me and derect your letters to washington D C in care of Cornel Harvy compny A and 7 redgment

and i hope in god and trust in him and hope that i may come home safe again and tell margreta A Baker not to forgit and rite

remember John T Cuddy

John H Cuddy