

Dickinson College Archives & Special Collections

<http://archives.dickinson.edu/>

Documents Online

Title: Letters from John Cuddy (Mar. - Apr. 1862)

Date: March - April 1862

Location: MC 2001.9, B1, F5

Contact:

Archives & Special Collections
Waidner-Spahr Library
Dickinson College
P.O. Box 1773
Carlisle, PA 17013

717-245-1399

archives@dickinson.edu

Camp Point
March 5 1862

Dear friends

I have taken up my pen
to write you that
I am well at present
and hope these few
lines may find
you all in the same
state of health I
received a letter from
you and was glad
to hear from you
all we are in our
old camp yet but
we do not know when
we will leave it we are
all well I would like
to be up there to write
with you all I could
tell you some good
stories to write

But dear friends
i think it along
time to see you
all we march every
day about six miles
every day with our
map sashes on and
every thing that we
have i would like
to be at home a
few days with you
all i am happy
to send you my
love to your all
i think that these
we will soon
be over and then
we may all get home
safe to spend a happy
life with you we
expects to get grazed
be fore long

i received the letter
and the stamps
we have one battle
to fight yet and then
the war will be over
then i hope to get
home till next summer
i send my love to
you all and hope
to get through this
war & and get home
safe it is nine months
since i left home
i spent a happy
time ever since i left
home we will soon
meet again and have
a happy time making
make at present but
i'll soon remember
me
John T Cuddy
Mrs John H Cuddy

Camp Pierpoint
March 5 1862

Dear friends

i take up my pen to informe you that i am well at presant and hope thes few lines may find you all in the same state of helth i recived a letter from you and was glad to here from you all we are in our old camp yet but we do not know wen we will leav it we are all well i would like to bee up ther to nite with you all i could tell you some good storrays to nite

[page break]

But Dear friends i think it along time to see you all we march evey day about six miles every day with our nap sacks on and every thing that we have i would like to be at home a few days with you all i am happy to send me my love to you all i think that this ware will soon be over and then we may all git home safe to spend a happy life with you we expects to git payed be fore long

[page break]

i recived the letter and the stamps we have one battel to fite yet and then the ware will be over then i hope to git home till next summer i send my love to you all and hope to git through this ware and git home safe it is nine months since i left home i spent a happy time ever since i left home we will soon meat again and have a happy time nothing more at presant but rite soon remember me

John T Cuddy

Mr John H Cuddy

Monday March 13 1862

Dear friends
I sat my coffee
down and a shanty
to write a few
lines to you to
let you know
that I am well
at present and hope
these few lines may
find you all in
the same state
As the 11th we left our
old camp last
Monday and have
been marching all
week we are now
one mile from
the border now but
we do not know how

long we will stay
for we are going to
some place on water
before long we had
one of the hardest
weeks that ever is saw
we were out all the
time and it was wet
all the time we are
all well and send my
love to you all and
hope to see you all
before long we have
manned and i think
this war will soon
be over and then
i hope to get home
again we marched
every day about seven
miles last week

To ease one mill
from Alexander now
but we now mat
can we will have
this ; it has been a net
week and we were
out all the time we
have no tents now
we do not on our
men we will get prayed
off snow for we
are marching every
day we are all well
I am happy to send
my love to you all
I hope to get home
in a few months
now we have been nearly
starved for the road
has been so bad that
we could not get

our provisions. After
us. I would like if
you would send me
one dollar in the next
letter you write to me
I send my love to
you all. Write soon
Desert Camp. Letters
to the same place
I think this war
will soon be over
and then I hope
to get home. I send
my love to you all.

John H. Caddy

John H. Caddy

Monday March 17 1862

Dear friends

i set my selfe down in a iboad[?] to rite a few lines to you to let you now that i am well at presant and hope thes few lines may find you all in the same state of helth we left our old camp last monday and have ben marching all week and are now one mile from Alexander now but we do not now how

[page break]

long we will stay for we are going to some plase on water before long we had one of the hardest weeks that ever i saw we ware out all the time and it was wet all the time we are all well i send my love to you all and hope to see you all before long we have manasses and i think this ware will soon be over and then i hope to git home again we marched evey day about seventeen miles last week

[page break]

We are one mile from Alexander now but we now not wen we will leav this it has ben a wet week and we ware out all the time we have no tents now we do not now wen we will git payed off now for we are marching evey day we are all wet i am happy to send my love to you all i hope to git home in a few months now we have ben nearly starved for the roads has ben so bad that we could not git

[page break]

our provisons after us i would like if you would send me one doller in the next letter you rite to me i send my love to you all rite soon drect your letters to the same plase i think this ware will soon be over and then i hope to git home i send my love to you all

John T Cuddy

John H Cuddy

March 23 1862

Camp near
Alexandria

Dear friends I set
my self down to
rite a few lines
to you to let you
now that I am
well at presant and
hase thes few lines
may find you all
in the same state of
heth we expect
to leave this to morrow
morning but we do
not know where we
are to go we are all
well and I send my
love to you

Dear friends I think
this winter will soon
be over before long and
then I hope to get
home and spend a
happy life with you
all again I think
the time long to
see you all but
I hope to get home
before long I send
my love to you
all and hope that
you all are happy
we have been laying
out for two weeks
in the open air but
we are happy as
can be

Dear friends
I hope this war
will soon be over
and then I think
we will get home
I send my love
to you all and
all the girls
up there, and tell
them not to get
married till I
get home I received
that letter and the
money and I will
send you some
as soon as we
get payed off
I send my love
to you all

nothing more
at present but
rite soon and
let me know
how you are
all getting along
nothing more
at present send
me
John I buddy
Chs John I buddy

March 23 1862
Camp near
Alexander

Dear friends i set my self down to rite a few lines to you to let you now that i am well at
prsant and hope thes few lines may find you all in the same state of helth we expect to leav this
tomorrow morning but we do not now where we are to go we are all well and i send my love to
you

[page break]

Dear friends i think this ware will soon be over before long and then i hope to git home
and spend a happy life with you all again i think the time long to see you all but i hope to git
home before long i send my love to you all and hope that you all are happy we have ben laying
out for too weeks in the open are but we are happy as can be

[page break]

Dear friends i hope this ware will soon be over and then i think we will git home i send
my love to you all and all the girles up ther and tell them not to git married till i git home i
recived that letter and the money and i will send you some as soon as we git payed off i send my
love to you all

[page break]

nothing more at prsant but rite soon and let me now how you are all giting along nothing more at
prsant remember me

John T Cuddy

Mr John H Cuddy

Camp near Alexander
March the 28 1862

Dear friends
I take up my pen
to write a few lines
to let you know that
I am well at present and
hope these few lines
may find you
all in the same
state of health
we have not left
here yet but we
do not know when
we will go we
are all well and
happy I hope to
get home this summer
for I think this war
will soon be over

Dear friends i
got the money that
you sent me i thank
you very much for
it i hope to get
through this ware
and get home safe
i thank the time
long. but i hope
that this ware
will be over before
long. i send my
love to you all
and hope to get
home in a few
months. i will
and spend a happy
life with you all
i would like very
much to see you all

we have went
through some harde
times but i think
we have seen as harde
times as we can see
i hope to ffigit home
this summer and spend
the rest of my life
with you all i send
my love to you
all nothing more
at presant but
rite soon and let
me now how you
all are rite soon

John T Cuddy
Mr John H Cuddy

Camp near Alexander
March the 28 1862

Dear friends

i take up my pen to rite a few lines to let you now that i am well at presant and hope thes few lines may find you all in the same state of helth

we have not left here yet but we do not now when we will go we are all well and happy i hope to git home this sumer for i think this ware will soon be over

[page break]

Dear friends i got the money that you sent me i thank you very much for it i hope to git through this ware and git home safe i think the time long but i hope that this ware will be over before long i send my love to you all and hope to git home in a few months more and spend a happy life with you all i would like very much to see you all


[page break]

we have went through some harde times but i think we have seen as harde times as we can see i hope to git home this sumer and spend the rest of my life with you all i send my love to you all nothing more at presant but rite soon and let me now how you all are rite soon


John T Cuddy

Mr John H Cuddy

Camp near Alexander
Aprile the 3 1862

Dear friends, i ~~am~~
take  you to
rite a few lines to
let you saw that i
am well at present and
hope theser few lines may
find you all in the
same state of health i herd
that thes was a grate
many peopel sick up
thes i was sorry to
here that alfred and
frank was sick
dick sheddson got
here this morning and
he told me that they
were giting later wen
he left home i am
sorry that i cannot git
home for a few days.

Dear friends i think
the time long to see
you all but i hope
that this ware will
soon be [redacted] we expect
to git payed off in
a days and then i will
send some money home
i think this ware
will soon be over before
long and then i hope
to git home we think
that we are the first
that will be discharged
and we will be the
first at home i send
my love to you all and
hope to see you all
in a few months
more we expect
to leav this men we
git payed

Dear friends
i think i must
bring my letter to a close
rite soon and let me
now see  you are all
giting along

John T Cuddy
John H Cuddy

Camp near Alexander
Aprile the 23 1862

Dear friends i take [up my *words added*] pen to rite a few lines to let you now that i am well at presant and hope thes few lines may find you all in the same state of helth i herd that ther was a grate many peopel sick up ther i was sorry to here that alfred and franky was sick dick henderson got here this morning and he told me that they ware giting beter wen he left home i am sorry that i cannot git home for a few days

[page break]

Dear friends i think the time long to see you all but i hope that this ware will soon be [over *words added*] we expect to git payed off in a day and then i will send some money home i think this ware will soon be over before long and then i hope to git home we think that we are the first that will be discharged and we will be the first at home i send my love to you all and hope to see you all in a few months more we expect to leav this wen we git payed

[page break]

Dear friends i think i must bring my letter to a close rite soon and let me now how you [ow/y *words added*] are all giting along

John T Cuddy

John H Cuddy

Aprile the 30 1862

Dear friends with
pleasure i take up my pen to write
a few lines to let you know that
i am well at present and hope
thes few lines may find you all in
the same state of health we are at
the rapahannock river one mile from
fridrichsburg we are sixty miles from
richmond now we are all well
and had a harde days march
yestoday we marched twenty one miles
i would like to see you all but
i hope that it will not be long
till i can be with you all again
time seanes long we ware mustered
to day for our two months pay
we expect to get payed of in a few
days again i think in a few months
more this ware will be over for i
am tired of it i have seen a new
of virginia now i have ben soldiering
a even months now i would like
to be with you all to mite but i ca

Dear friends

the time seems long for to see
you all but i hope that god
will spare me to git home to see
you all again we are laying along
the raphaich river now but i am
happy to send my love to you all
i think of home now for our
band is playing now for retreat
i would like to be with you all
i could tell you some good stories
of the wall i wunt bring my letter
to a close for i have one to rite
yet to asina and the band is playing
for retreat i send my love to
you all and hope to be with
you all in a few months more
rite soon and let me know
if you gat the money i sent
you and send me some stamps
rite soon

John T Cuddy

Mr John T Cuddy

Aprile the 30 1862

Dear friends with pleasure i take up my pen to rite a few lines to let you now that i am well at presant and hope thes few lines may find you all in the same state of helth we are at the rapahhanick [Rappahannock] river one mile from fridrickes burg we are sixty miles from richmond now we are all well and had a hard days march yestuday we marched twenty one miles i would like to see you all but i hope that it will not be long till i can be with you all again time seames long we ware mustered to day for our too monthes pay we expect to git payed of in a few days again i think in a few monthes more this ware will be over for i am tiard of it i have seen a nuf of vergineya now i have ben soldgering a leven monthes now i would like to be with you all tonite but i can [not *words added*]

[page break]

Dear friends

the time seames long for to see you all but i hope that god will spare me to git home to see you all again we are laying along the raphhaick [Rappahannock] river now but i am happy to send my love to you all i think of home now for our band is playing now for retreat i would like to be with you all i could tell you some good storrys of the ware i must bring my letter to a close for i have one to rite yet to anna and the band is playing for retreat i send my love to you all and hope to be with you all in a few monthes more rite soon and let me now if you got the money i sent you and send me some stamps rite soon

John T Cuddy

Mr John H Cuddy