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Camp May the 25 1862

Dear friends

I take the opportunity of writing a few lines to you to let you now that I am well at present and hope these few lines may find you all in the same state of health I hope that this war will be over before long for I am tired of it now I think in a few months more we will be at home with you all I think the time long for to see you all I think we will move before long towards Richmond we are all well and getting along as well as ever we can do we have good times here we were out on picket the other day and we had a good time this we are all happy and think we will all get home in a few months more I think that the war will be over till the last of August and then I hope to get home and spend a happy time

i send my love to
you all and hope to see
you all in a few months
more time seems long for
to see you all i hope to
git home safe and spend
a happy time with you all
i never had better health then
i have now i wage one hundred
and sixty five pounds now
i send my love to you all
this ware cannot last much
longer for the seels will not
stand for us and the
ware is coming to a close
remember me site soon
and let me now how
you are all getting along

John I buddy

Camp May the 23 1862

Dear friends

I take the oportunity of riteing 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 i hope that this ware will be over before long for i am tiard of it now i think in a few monthes more we will be at home with you all i think the time long for to see you all i think we will move before long toward richmond we are all well and giting along as well as ever we can do we have good times here we ware out on picket the other day and we had a good time ther we are all happy and think we will all git home in a few monthes more i think that the ware will be over till the last of August and then i hope to git home and spend a happy time

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i send my love to you all and hope to see you all in a few monthes more time seames long for to see you all i hope to git home safe and spend a happy time with you all i never had better helth then i have now i waye one hundred and sixty five ponds now

i send my love to you all this ware cannot last much longer for the relels [rebels] will not stand for us and the ware is coming to a close remember me rite soon and let me now how you are all giting along

John T Cuddy

Camp Near Fredericksburg

May the 25 1862

Dear friends I take the
present opportunity of writing a few
lines to you to let you now that
I am well at present and hoping these
few lines may find you all in the
same state of health this is a fine
day here the trees are all out in
blossom here I would like to be at
home to sit with you all but
I hope that it will not be long
till this war will be over be fore
long and I think that we can be
at home in a few months well
the time seems long for to see
you all but I am happy and send
my love to you all I hope to
be with you all in a few
months more the war is coming
to a close as fast as it can we
will have richmond in a few
days more we expect to hear this
week for sure we all are
good health here

Dear friends I would like
to see you all. fact I think
that it will be two months more
we had two men discharged last
week and all the sick is sent
to Washington and have it said
that the war will be over in
a few months more we will get
payed off in a few weeks more
I have not much to write now
but will soon be home and let
you know how you are all getting
along remember me

John T. Cuddy
~~John T. Cuddy~~

Mr. John H. Cuddy

Camp near Fredricks burg
May the 25 1862

Dear friends i take the presant oppertunity of riting a few lines to you to let you now that i am well at presant and hoping thes few lines may find you all in the same state of helth this is a fine day here the trees are all out in blosom here i would like to be at home to nite with you all but i hope that it will not be long till this ware will be over be fore long and i think that we can be at home in a few monthes more the time seames long for to see you all but i am happy and send my love to you all i hope to be with you all in a few monthes more the ware is coming to a close as fast as it can we will have richmond in a few days more we expect to leav this week for sure we are all in good helth here

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Dear friends i would like to see you all but i think that it will be too monthes more we had too men discharged last week and all the sick is sent to washington and have it nice ther the ware will be over in a few monthes more we will git payed off in a few weeks more i have not much to rite now but rite soon to me and let me now how you are all giting along remember me

John T Cuddy

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Mr John H Cuddy

Camp near Friedrichsburg

June the 2 1862

Dear friends

I take the present opportunity
to write a few lines to let
you know that I am well
at present and hoping these
few lines may find you
all in the same state
of health. I have not had
time to write very often to
you for we have got a good
deal of duty to do now
we are still at Friedrichsburg
we thought that we would
be kicked here when the
retreat happened for
they had taken all the troops
but our division is here
but they are coming back
now I think that it cannot
last many months more for
we have them surrounded in
Virginia now and I think
we will have them in a few months ^{more}

We are still at Fredricks
burg yet but we do not know
how soon we may leave this
last Monday we moved our
camp nears Fredricksburg now
we lay across the river from
Fredricksburg we have not many
sick in our company now
one of our surgeons died last
week his name was Senior
everett and gets sick
so is sent to the hospital
in Philadelphia I hope that
this man will soon be cured
and I wish I was at home
with you all for the time
seams long to see you all
it is one year next Friday
since I left home but before
six weeks on this more I think
we can be at home again
we have very bad weather here
but we have nice times here
but time seems long to see
you all

The war was thread back
for a while longer for banks
retreated back again but we
will stand richmory before long
and then the war will not
last long then we are fixen
the rail roads and bridges
now the rebels burnt them all
i would like to be at home
for to work in hay making
and harvest for i have not
th worked much for one year
now i would like to see you
all and spend a few weeks
with you all i send my
love to you all and hope
to be with you in a few
months more for i think the
war will be over before long
we expect to get payed off
this week i wish you would
send me some more stamps
for this is the last one i
have and cannot get any
here i wish i could be at
home to nite with you all i would
tell you some good stors

The time seems long
for to see you all and
be with you all again
I think that the war
will be over before long
for the rebels are getting in
a very small place and I think
we can take them all prisoner
before long we have got a
good general for to plan and
to fight he fought at Bull Run
Major General A. S. D. D. we are
all in good health there is
fifty thousand men in and
out along the Rappahannock
river I would like to tell you
more about the times here but
my letter is getting too long and
I must bring it to a close
fare this time but do not forget
to write to me and let me
now how you are all getting
along remember me your true son
my love to you all John T. Cuddy

John T. Cuddy

Camp Near Fredricks burg
June the 2 1862

Dear friends

i take the present oppertunity to rite a few lines to let you know that i am well at present and hopeing thes few lines may find you all in the same state of helth i have not had time to rite very often to you for we have got a good eal [deal] of duty to do now we are still at Fredricksburg we thought that we would be licked here wen banks retreated to harppers ferry for they had taken all the troops but our devison frome here but they are coming back now i think that it cannot last meny monthes more for we have them serronnded in vergineya now and i think we will have them in a few monthes more

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We are still at Fredricks burg yet but we do not now how soon we may leav this last monday we moved our Camp neader Fredricks burg now we lay across the river from Fredricksburg we have not meny sick in our compeny now one of our sargens died last week his name was kenion wenever eny one gits sick he is sent to the hospitle in philadellia i hope that this ware will soon be over and i wish i was at home with you all for the time seames long to see you all it is one year next friday since i left home but before six monthes more i think we can be at home again we have very hot mothes here but time seames long to see you all

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The ware was throad back for a wile longer for banks retreated back again but we will have richmony before long and then the ware will not last long then we are fixen the rail roads and bridgs now the rebels burnt them all i would like to be at home for to wash in hay making and harvest for i have not worked much for one year now i would like to see you all and spend a few weeks with you all i send my love to you all and hope to be with you in a few monthes more for i think the ware will be over before long we expect to git payed off this week i wish you would send me some more stamps for this is the last one i have and cannot git eny here i wish i could be at home to nite with you all i would tell you some good storys

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The time seames long for to see you all and be with you all again i think that the ware will be over before long for the rebels are giting in a very small plase and i think we can take them all prisners before long we have got a good generl for to plan and to fite he fought at bulls run Majer General McDowll we are all in good helth ther is fyfty thousands men in our core along the rapa hanich [Rappahannock] river i would like to tell you more about the times here but my letter is giting too long and i must bring it to a close fore this time but do not forgit to rite to me and let me now how you are all giting along remember me your true son

my love to you all

John T Cuddy

Mr John H Cuddy

Camp Before Richmond

June the 21 1862

Dear parents with pleasure
I seat myself this evening
to write a few lines to you
all I am well at present
and hoping that the few lines
may find you all in the
same state of health we were
on picket last night and today
we are in camp now we
just got in and got our supper
and I thought I would write
a few lines to let you
know where we are we are
now within four or five miles
from Richmond now we are
in the advance now we expect
to have Richmond before long
we were on picket today the
rebels pickets was only a half mile
from us last night we could
see them where as could be

Dear friends I think the
time long to see you all
I would like to see you
all I think that the war
will be over before long
for when richmond is taken
the war will be over then
I would like to be with you
all to nite I would tell you
some good stories about war
I have seen more then you
think I did I have ben
through a good part of
verginia we have ben in
the sea his over one year now
but he fore six months
more we will be at home
with you all again this
war will not last long
any more for richmond
is out before three weeks
more we can see the rebels
from our camp now I send
my love to you all and
hope to be with you all in
a few months more

Dear friends I think the
time long to see you all
the war will soon be over
before long and I hope to get
home to spend a happy life
with you all I think that
this war will be over till next
fall and I can be at home
and get to work in the
old still house next winter
we have as good times here
as we had at Washington
the rebels shelled us out of
our camp the other day but
they did not hit any of us
we are on the line of McClellans
army now before Richmond
we can see the steeples of the
churches of Richmond on some
of the high hills around
our camp but I do not
think that this will be
much fitting here for I think
they will leave this before
will fight us for we have
two hundred thousand troops
at this time now

Dear friends I could not
finish my letter last nite
and this morning I must
we were called out in line
this morning a boat too o'clock
and stood till day light and we got
our breakfast we are still under arms
we do not know how soon we may
leave this we all all well and
happy to be so near richmond
I think in just two weeks we will
be in the city I wish I was up
there today I would go to church I think
the time come to see you all I
send my love to you all I hope to
be with you all in a few months
more I think that this war will
be over be fore long now I had that
rosy was married to a schaldy I was
glad to hear of it I send my
love to you all we are nearly
three hundred miles from where
we started from this is a nice
country here I must bring my
letter to a close for this time but
do not forget to write to me
rite soon remembar me give
true son
John A. Cuddy
Mr. John A. Cuddy

Camp before Rich mond
June the 21 1862

Dear parrents with plesure i seat myself this eving to rite a few lines to you all i am well at presant and hopinge that thes few lines may find you all in the same state of helth we ware on picket last nite and to day we are in camp now we just got in and got our supper and i thought i would rite a few lines to let you know where we are we are now within fore ore five miles from rich mond now we are in the advance now we expect to have rich mond before long we ware on picket to day the rebels pickets was only a half miles from ours last nite we could see them plane as could be

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Dear friends i think the time long to see you all i would like to see you all i think that the ware will be over before long for wen rich mond is taken the ware will be over then i would like to be with you all to nite i would tell you some good storeys about ware i have seen more then you think i did i have ben throught a good part of vergineya we have ben in the servis over one year now but be fore six monthes more we will be at home with you all again this ware will not last long eny more for rich mond is ours before three weeks more one can see the rebels from our camp now i send my love to you all and hope to be with you all in a few monthes more

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Dear friends i think the time long to see you all i would like to see you all i think that the ware will be over before long for wen rich mond is taken the ware will be over then i would like to be with you all to nite i would tell you some good storeys about ware i have seen more then you think i did i have ben throught a good part of vergineya we have ben in the servis over one year now but be fore six monthes more we will be at home with you all again this ware will not last long eny more for rich mond is ours before three weeks more one can see the rebels from our camp now i send my love to you all and hope to be with you all in a few monthes more

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Dear friends i think the time long to see you all the ware will soon be over before long and i hope to git home to spend a happy life with you all i think that this ware will be over till next fall and i can be at home and git to work in the old still hous next winter we have as good times here as we had at wasingtonn the rebels shellded us out of our camp the other day but they did not hit eny of us we are on the line of McClelons army now before rich mond we can see the steeples of the curches of rich mond on some of the high hills around our camp but i do not think that ther will be much fiting here for i think they will leav this be fore will fite us for we have too hundred thousand troops on this line now

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Dear friends i could not finish my letter last nite and this morning i must we ware called out in line this morning a bout too o clock and stood till day light and we got our breakfast we

are still under arms we do not now how soon we may leav this we are all well and happy to be so near rich mond i think be fore too weeks we will be in the sity i wish i was up ther to day i would go to curch i think the time long to see you all i send my love to you all i hope to be with you all in a few monthes more i think that this ware will be over be fore long now i herd that rosy was marryed to a Scholds i was glad to here of it i send my love to you all we are nearly three hundred miles from where we started from this is a nice county here i must bring my letter to a close for this time but do not forgit to rite to me rite soon remember me you true son

John T Cuddy

Mr John H Cuddy