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July 8. 1862

Dear friends with pleasure  
I take the opportunity to write  
a few lines to you to let  
you know that I am alive  
yet I hope that these few lines  
may find you all well  
we have had some times for  
the last week we had  
three fights one on Thursday  
and Friday and on Monday  
but I got I thought safe we  
had the hardest fighting  
that has been done in this war  
we lost two generals and  
of our division they were  
taken prisoners and our  
regiment general was wounded  
very bad we lost thirteen or  
twenty men out of our company  
this is three of our boys in  
richmond John P. Baker is  
in richmond a prisoner and  
took a prisoner on Monday he  
is one of them married that  
wants to work in the foundry

we have seen hard time  
but we are getting along as well  
as ever water is full of us  
we are in the <sup>idea</sup> of the  
hole again now I do not  
think that we will get in  
any more pits for a while  
for our rescue are is out  
up very bad I have not  
much to write now for  
I have no ink and my  
pen is bad we expect  
to be paid of in a day or  
two I will send my money soon  
I think I will get through  
this war for it is as in  
three of the hardest fights that  
can be the balls came as  
thick as hail all around us  
but none of them hit me  
I think that our division  
will be sent some place  
for good I have not  
much to write now but  
it so to say I send my  
love to you all John & family  
Mrs John S. Cudde

July 8 1862

Dear friends with plesure i take the oppertunity to rite a few lines to you to let you know that i am a live yet i hope that thes few lines may find you all well we have harde times for the last week we had three fights one on thersday and fryday and on monday but i got throught safe we had the hardest fighting that has ben done in this ware we lost too generals out of our divison [?] they ware taken prisners ando our begade [brigade] general was wounded very bad we lost ninteen ore twenty men out of our compeny ther is three of our boys in rich mond John Malcker [?] is in rich mond a prisner we took a prisner on monday he is one of them martiek [?] that ust to work in the foundry

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we have seen harde times but we are giting along as well as ever wate is left of us we are in the rear of the hold army now i do not think that we will git in eny more fites for a wile for our reserv core is cut up very bad i have not much to rite now for i have no inke and my pensle is bad we expect to be payed of in a day ore so i will send my mony home i think i will git through this ware for i was in three of the hardest fights that can be the balls came as thick as hale all around me but none of them hit me i think that our devison will be sent some plase for guard i have not much to rite now but rite soon to me i send my love to you all

John T Cuddy

Mr John H Cuddy

1862

Harrison's Landing July 13

Dear friends I seat myself  
to write a few lines to you  
to let you know that  
I am well at present  
and I hope that your  
wives find you all in  
the same state of health  
I suppose you are wondering  
about us for we have  
been in the battle but  
I escaped unhurt I am  
well at present I think  
the long day has  
gone all I hope that  
this war will not last  
long any more for the  
hell has then come in  
at Rich and now  
we fight this bad  
for three days

the two first days  
killed me disabled twenty  
four thousand of them  
and the last days fight  
was harder than the other  
two days but we retreated  
about twenty five miles  
but now we are safe  
for we have our  
whole army here now  
we are going to take  
richmond the port city  
and then the war  
will be over for the  
prisoners that we take  
say that richmond  
is the last place for  
them i have seen  
hard fighting and  
carter is lieutenant  
colonel of our regiment  
for his bravery on  
the battle field.

the pay master is  
here. He come to day  
he is going to pay  
us. Oh how long I wish  
you would make me  
too good shirts and  
send them to me if  
you please I will send  
you some money when  
we get payed make  
them of red flannel  
and are flat in the  
best and a pocket in  
the side and send  
me a towel for we  
lost every thing we  
had but what we had  
an our backs send  
them by express if  
you please I will send  
you thirty five dollars  
when we get payed  
rite soon to me

we lost fifteen or  
sixteen men out  
of our company this  
is three of them in  
richmond now a  
sickness John Statcher  
is a prisoner to a  
rite soon to me and  
let me know how  
you are all getting  
a long but I think  
the time long to see  
you all I have a paper  
book envelope to write to  
you and tell her that I still  
my love to her and all  
the rest of you tell  
her that I must not  
forget to write to me  
rite soon to me  
the next letter I will  
send you some money  
to you remember me with  
love from John J. Cuddy  
John J. Cuddy



Harrisons landing July 12 1862

Dear friends i seat myself to rite a few lines to you to let you know that i am well at presant and i hope thes few lines may find you all in the same state of helth i supose you are worry about us for we have ben in three battels but i escaped un hert i am well at presant i think the time long to see you all i hope that this ware will not last long eny more for the hole southern army is at rich mond now we fought them hard for three days

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the too first days fites we disabeled twenty fore thousands of them and the last days fite was harder then the other too days but we retreated about twenty five miles but now we are safe for we have our hole army here now we are going to take rich mond before long and then the ware will be over for the prisners that we take says that rich mond is the last plase for them i have seen harde fiting our capten is lutenit cornel of our reagment for his bravery on the battel field

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the pay master is here he come to day he is going to pay us be fore long i wish you would make me too good sherts and send them to me if you ples i will send you some money wen we git payed make them of red flare ing and one pleat in the brest and a pocket in the side and send me a towel for we lost every thing we had but wat we had on our backs send them by express if you pleas i will send you thirty five dollers wen we git payed rite soon to me

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we lost fifteen ore sixteen men out of our compeny ther is three of them in rich mond now a prisoners John Natcher is a prisner too rite soon to me and let me now how you are all giting a long for i think the time long to see you all i have no paper nore envlops to rite to anna tell her that i send my love to her and all the rest of you tell her that i must not forgit to rite to me rite soon to me the next letter i will send you some money to you remember me your true sun

John T Cuddy

Mr John H Cuddy

Harrison's Landing August 4 1862

Dear parents i received a letter from you this morning and i was glad to here that you were all well i am well at present and i hope the few lines may find you all in the same state of health i got the stamps i thank you for them we are all well at present we are waiting for them new troops and when they come we will take richmond and then the war will be over i was across the river cutting down trees we had a good time of it we take all the chickens and every thing that we catch we will have richmond before one month more i was glad to here that you got the snow that i sent you time flies fast here there is nearly two months more coming to me and i will send you fifteen more i would like to know what is the reason that anna dont write to me

i have not got the sheets yet  
they are down at the landing  
but the expres is not come  
up yet we are all happy  
and hope that this war  
will not last long any more  
the rebels shelled our camp the  
other side about twelve o'clock  
but did not hurt any of us  
you can put up some paper  
and envelopes take a news paper  
and send it for nine cents  
if you pleas tell miss anna  
that i sed she should write to  
me for i think the time long  
to here from here side soon  
and let me now how you  
are all getting along i hope  
that i can take my christmasy  
dinner with you all i send  
my love to you all and  
hope to get through this war  
safe and spend a few happy  
years with you all i would  
like to see you all and  
i hope to see you all before long

Time time seems long  
but it will not be  
long till this thing is over  
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  
how you are all getting along  
till and to rite too  
nothing more at present  
but rite soon remembers  
me yours true son

John H Cuddy  
Mrs John H Cuddy

Harrisons Landing August 4 1862

Dear parents i recived a letter from you this morning and i was glad to here that you ware all well i am well at presant and i hope thes few lines may find you all in the same state of helth i got the stamps i thank you for them we are all well at presant we are waiting for them new troops and wen they come we will take rich mond and then the ware will be over i was across the river cuting down trees we had a good time of it we take all the chickens and every thing that we catch we will have rich mond before one monthe more i was glad to here that you got the mony that i sent you time flys fast here ther is nerly too monthes more coming to me and i will send you fifteen more i would like to now what is the reason that anna donte rite to me

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i have not got the sherts yet they are down at the landing but the expres is not come up yet we are all happy and hope that this ware will not last long eny more the rebels shelled our camp the other nite about twelve o clock but did not hert eny of us you can put up some paper and enveleops lake [?] a news paper and send it for nine cents if you pleas tell miss anna that i sed she should rite to me for i think the time long to here from her rite soon and let me now how you are all giting along i hope that i can take my christmust dinner with you all i send my love to you all and hope to git through this ware safe and spend a few happy yeares with you all i would like to see you all and i hope to see you all before long

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time seames long but it will not be long till this thing is over 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 how you are all giting along till anna to rite too

nothing more at presant but rite soon remember me your true sone

John T Cuddy

Mr John H Cuddy

Camp at Harrisans Landing  
August the 8 1862

Dear Friends, I take up my pen  
to write a few lines to you all  
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 I received the  
shirts last evening and they fit  
very well we got five crates last  
nite we are all happy and getting  
a long as well as we can we are  
waiting for reinforcements and  
then we will take richmond  
and then the war will be over  
then we got word of our prisoners  
that was at richmond Jacob & boy  
J Harris and Hulely and Hendrix  
these is three in richmond yet  
John Ketcher is also yet we are ready  
for to fight again and we are  
bound to take richmond and  
end the war and then I hope  
to get home to spend a few  
happy days with you all time  
seems long to see you all but  
I think in six months more that  
this war will be over and we may  
all be at home with you all

i hope that this war may  
be over till christmast for  
richmond is the last place  
they have and when we take it  
the war will be over and  
we would like to be at home  
now for it is hot wether here  
but i think in a few months  
we will be at home with you  
all i would like to see you all  
and spend a few happy days  
with you all we are all well  
i send my best respects to  
Mrs Snyder i send my love to  
you all remember me with love  
remember me yours true son

John T Cuddy  
Mrs John T Cuddy

Camp at Harrisons Landing  
August the 8 1862

Dear Friends i take up my pen to rite a few lines to you all 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 i recived the sherts last evinng and they fit very well we got five recrutes last nite we are all happy and giting a long as well as we can we are waiting for reinforcements and then we will take rich mond and then the ware will be over then we got fore of our pris ners that was at rich mond Jacob Meloy J Harris and Hulely [?] and Hendrix ther is three in rich mond yet John Natcher is ther yet we are redy for to fite again and we are bound to take richmond and end the ware and then i hope to git home to spend a few happy days with you all time seames long to see you all but i think in six monthes more that this ware will be over and we may all be at home with you all

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i hope that this ware may be over till christmust for rich mond is the last plase they have and wen we take it the ware will be over and we would like to be at home now for it is hot wether here but i think in a few monthes we will be at home with you all i would like to see you all and stend a few happy days with you all we are all well i send my best respects to Mrs Snyder i send my love to you all remember me rite soon remember me youre true son

John T Cuddy

Mr John H Cuddy



September the 5 1862

Dear friends i seat myself  
to write a few lines to you  
to let you all now that i am  
well at presant and hope these  
few lines may find you all  
in the same state of health  
dear friends we have had hard  
times since we left Garrison's landing  
for we were on the march  
ever since we have ben in  
three or fore more fites comel  
Anderson was wounded in the  
side and to ore three of the  
boy, was wounded but i  
gat thought safe i am well  
and send my love to you all  
and hope to be with you  
all in a few months more  
we are all well out for  
we have ben on the march for  
the last two weeks

Dear friends i wish you  
would send me some money  
for i need some money i wish  
you would send me three dollars if  
you please we have nothing left  
at we have an and lack. for  
we have not seen our soap sacks  
since we left harrisons landing  
we do not know where they are  
we have seen hard times for  
the last few weeks i wish  
this were was over for i am  
tired of it we have been  
in the series for fifteen months  
i think we will be in for  
three months more i think  
the war will be over in three  
months more we are around  
washington now we fell  
back here we got here yesterday  
we are resting here i hope  
you will send me some money

as soon as you can for  
i need some for us have not  
king but crackers to eat and  
i am going to live as well  
as i can while i am in the  
world i would like to see  
you all - i would like to  
be with you for a few days  
i send my love to you all  
i hope to be with you  
all before long i hope to  
be at home in two or three  
months more i hope you will  
send me some money  
i hope this mail will be over  
befor long i have not  
much to write more but  
rite soon and let me now  
how you are getting along  
remembes me and rite soon  
and send me some money

write soon nothing more

John J. Cuddy

Mr. John H. Cuddy

September the 5 1862

Dear friends i seat my self to rite a few lines to you to let you all now that i am well at presant and hope thes few lines may find you all in the same state of helth

dear friends we have had hard times since we left Harrison's landing for we ware on the march ever since we have ben in three ore fore more fites cornel Henderson was wounded in the side and to ore three of the boys was wounded but i got throught safe i am well and send my love to you all and hope to be with you all in a few monthes more we are all wore out for we have ben on the march for the last too weeks

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Dear friends i wish you would send me some money for i nead some monny i wish you would send me three dollers if you pleas we have nothing but wat we have on our backs for we have not seen our nap sacks since we left harrison's landing we do not now where ther are we have seen hard times for the last few weeks i wish this ware was over for i am tiard of it we have bean in the servis for fifteen monthe i think we will be in for three monthes more i think the ware will be over in three monthes more we are around washington now we fell back here we got here yestudy we are resting here i hope you will send me some money

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as soon as you can for i nead some for we have not hing but crackers to eat and i am going to live as well as i can while i am in this world i would like to see you all i would like to be with you for a few days i send my love to you all i hope to be with you all before long i hope to be at home in too ore thre monthes more i hope you will send me some money

i hope this ware will be over befor long i have not much to rite more but rite soon and let me now how you are giting along remember me and rite soon and send me som monny

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rite soon nothing more

John T Cuddy

Mr John H Cuddy

Camp Near Sharpshurg

September 30 1862

Dear friends. i take up  
my pen this morning to rite  
a few lines to you to let  
you know that i got  
through to camp last  
nite at eight o'clock  
there is not a word  
said to us we got  
a pass over the road  
to hedges town there was  
a town of us. we got  
to hedges town at twelve  
o'clock yesterday and went  
out to camp till nite  
we got through safe i  
saw richard Thenderson this  
morning and giv him his  
letters i did not see samuel  
No beth yet but i will go to

see him tomorrow, and  
georg trout we all got  
here last nite and campy  
is an picket now the  
ware gone men we got  
here i think we are  
going to stay here for  
a while i send my love  
to you all i hope  
that the ware will  
soon be over for we  
are fighting for the  
negroes now i am  
happy that i got home  
to see you all and  
safe back again  
i will wite as soon  
as i git to samuel  
clbc both and georg trout  
i have not much  
to wite now but i  
will wite before long.

Nothing more at  
present but remember  
me your true son

John T Cuddy

Mr John H Cuddy



Camp Near Sharpsburg  
September 30 1862

Dear friends i take up my pen this morning to rite a few lines to you to let you now that i got through to camp last nite at eight oclock the is not a word said to us we got a pass over the road to heggerstown the was a levon of us we got to hegger town at twelve o clock ystoday and went out to camp till nite we got through safe i saw richard Henderson this monring and giv him his letters i did not see samuel Mcbeth yet but i will go to

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see him tomorrow and georg trout we all got here last nite our compeny is on picket now ther ware gone wen we got here i think we are going to stay here for a wile i send my love to you all i hope that the ware will soon be over for we are fiting for the nigroes now i am happy that i got home to see you all and safe back again i will rite as soon as i git to samuel Mc beth and georg trout i have not much to rite now but i will rite before long

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Nothing more at presant but remember me youre true son

John T Cuddy

Mr John H Cuddy

Camp Near Sharpsburg

October the 7 1862

Dear friends with pleasure  
i seat myself to rite a few  
lines to let you all know  
that i am well at present  
and i hope the few lines  
may find you all in the  
same state of health i have ben  
sorry wen i had to bid you  
all good by to part from  
you but the time is coming  
wen we can meet to waste  
no more i seat on tuesday aftes  
i got to camp i got a letter  
from unna this mornig i was  
glad to here from her we have  
drill every morning we all giny  
to draw close this week we  
expect to git paged off in a  
few days we are all well  
i did not git to see samuel  
olbeth yet for it is too far  
to walk to the hspital it is  
five ore six miles from camp

I did not see georg trout  
get but men i git to see  
the i will write and let  
you know how they are  
i think that this war will  
not last much longer for  
the south can not stand the  
cold weather i think that  
this war will be over till  
christ mist every thing  
looks for peace our general  
says that this campaign will  
not last much longer i think  
we can be at home till spring  
i hope and pray that i can  
git threw this war safe i  
have not much to write  
now i send my love to  
you all and hope to be  
with you all in a few  
monthes more write soon

John T. Cuddy  
Mrs John T. Cuddy

i wish you would  
send me a few stamps  
if you please

Camp Near Sharpsburg  
October the 7 1862

Dear friends with plesure i seat myself to rite a few lines to let you all now that i am well at presant and i hope thes few lines may find you all in the same state of helthe i have ben sorry wen i had to bud you all good by to part from you but the time is coming wen we can meat to parte no more i roat on tusday after i got to camp i got a letter from anna this morning i was glad to here from her we have drill every morning we are ging to draw close this week we expect to git payed off in a few days we are all well i did not git to see samuel Mcbeth yet for it is too fare to walk to the hspitel it is five ore six miles from camp

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I did not see georg trout yet but wen i git to see the i will rite and let you now how they are i think that this ware will not last much longer for the south can not stand the cold wether i think that this ware will be over till christ must every thing looks for peace our general says that this campain will not last much longer i think we can be at home till spring i hope and pray that i can git threw this ware safe i have not much to rite now i send my love to you all and hope to be with you all in a few monthes more rite soon

John T Cuddy

Mr John H Cuddy

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i wish you would send me a few stamps if you pleas