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Camp Near Alexander

May the 6 1863

Dear Father I seat my
self to write a few lines to
inforne you all that i am
well at presant and hopeing
you all the same i recived
a letter from you last night
i was glad to here from you
all Cornel Henderson was to
see us he said he thought
he could get our company up
ther with him if he gets our
company with him to calliste
we Cuill have a fine time
but we do not care if we can
stay here for ther is no fighting
here general hooker is fighting
he has crossed the river
her has had a hard fight

The time is long to see you
all i hope that i can get
home to see you all before
long i would like to see you all
i send my love to you all and
hope to meet before long to spend
a few happy days with you all
if we get to Carlisle we can
have a fine time of soldiering
these i think we have fought
our last fight we all think
we will never be sent to the
front any more i hope we
will not for i do not like
to fight any more we have
over one year to stay in the
army the news is good from
the army of the potomack this
morning i think old hooker
will wipe the rebels there
this time

I have not much to write
now for it is raining here
I was on guard last night we
are all in hopes that we will
get to Carlisle with Henderson
I send my love to you all
write soon to me remembers me

John T. Cuddy

Mr John H. Cuddy

Camp Near Alexander
May the 6 1863

Dear Father I seat my Self to write a few lines to informe you all that i am well at presant and hopeing you all the same i recived a letter from you last night i was glad to here from you all Cornel Henderson was to see us he said he thaught he could get our company up ther with him if he gets our company with him to carlisle we will have a fine time but we do not care if we can stay here for ther is no fighting here general hooker is fighting he has croosed the river he has had a hard fight

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The time is long to see you all i hope that i can get home to see you all before long i would like to see you all i send my love to you all and hope to meet before long to spend a few happy days with you all if we get to carlisle we can have a fine time of soldgering there i think we have foght our last fight we all think we will never be sent to the frunt eny more i hope we will not for i do not like to fight eny more we have over one year to stay in the army the news is good from the army of the potomack this morning i think old hooker will nip the rebels there this time

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I have not much to write now for it is raining here i was on guard last nite we are all in hope that we will get to carlisle with hendeson i send my love to you all write soon to me remember me

John. T. Cuddy

Mr John. H. Cuddy

Camp Near Washington

May 11 1863.

Dear father I seat my
self to write a few lines
to inform you all that I
am well at present and
hoping you all the same
I reciev'd a letter from
you this evening I was
glad to here from you all
the time is long to see
you all but I hope to
get home this summer
our army has taken
richmond but we do not
know whether they can
hold it or not Hooker
has crossed the river again
I think he will nip
the rebels this time

The rebels is in
mergland again but
we do not know what
force they have these we
are in hopes that we will
get to the state before long
and if we get to the state
we will never come to the
fronte any more we have
one year and two months
to serve in the army we
are in good spearts here
we are happy here and
hope that we will get
safe home again i send
my love to you all and
hope that you are all
well the time is long
but happy will be
the days when this
war is over and

we get home again
nothing more at present
but write soon to me
and let me now know
you are all getting along
& remain yours truly

John T. Cuddy

Mrs John H. Cuddy

Camp Near Washington
May 11 1863

Dear father i seat my Self to write a few lines to informe you all that i am well at presant and hopeing you all the same I recived a letter from you this eveining i was glad to here from you all the time is long to see you all but i hope to get home this summer our army has taken richmond but we do not know wether they can hold it ore not hooker has crossed the river again i think he will nip the rebels this time

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we get home again

nothing more presant but write soon to me and let me now how you are all geting along

remain yours truely

John T. Cuddy

Mr John H Cuddy

Camp near Washington
May 13 1867

Dear Father

I seat my self to write
a few lines to inform you all that i
am well at presant and hopeing you all
The same i cannot get a furlough now from
our company commander now and if you
will pleas and write a few lines to
governer carton and get him to send a
recomadation to our redjiment commander
he will get me and you can tell him
in your letter if you write to him
that i was in eight fights and have
don my duty like a Soldger since i have
been in the army and i wauld like to get
home now for we do not know how soon
we may go to the feant again i wauld
like to see you all you can ask cornel
~~the~~ henderson what he thinks a bout it
and if you write to governer carton write
to me and let me know i send my
love to you all and hope to get home
for ten days to see you all nothing
more at presant but write soon to me
remain yours truly, John T Cuddy
Mr John T Cuddy

Camp near Washington
May 13 1863

Dear Father

I seat my self to write a few lines to informe you all that i am well at presant and hoping you are the same i cannot get a furlough now from our company commander now and if you will pleas and write a few lines to governer curton and get him to send a recomadation to our redgiment commander he will get me one you can tell him in your letter if you write to him that i was in eight fights and have don my duty like a Soldger Since i have bean in the army and i would like to get home now for we do not now how soon we may go to the frunt again i would like to see you all you can ask cornel henderson what he thinks a bout it and if you write to governer curton write to me and let me know i send my love to you all and hope to get home for ten days to see you all nothing more at presant but write soon to me

remain yours truly.

John T Cuddy

Mr John H Cuddy

Camp Near Washington

May 11 1863

Dear friends I seat my
self to write a few lines to
informe you all that i am well
at presant and hoping you
all the same I would like
to be up ther to nite with
youdall to nite it is fine
wether here every thing is out
in blouson here every thing
is nice here but i would
like to get home for ten days
to see you all i hope that
i can get that far longh
i think the time long to
see you all but i have
one year from the fifteenth
of this month to stay in
the army

One year will not seem
long if we stay here but
we do not know whether we
will stay here or not but
I hope that we may get
to the state to bring out
the conscripts for I think
they are to do some fighting
too for we have fought eight
battles in our time and
we could fight eight more
if we must I have done
my duty as an American
soldier ought to do I was
not seventeen years old when
I enlisted to go and fight
for my country I have
seen all the ^{that} best has seen
and more than the most of
them has I have all night
been on duty ever since

The time i was sick at
the grate faul's i was sick
six weeks thes that was the
only time i was sick since
i have lan in the army
if i live to get threth this
warr and get home safe
i am going to setel down
and live a happy life the
rest of my time in this
world i wroat to you to
write to gaverner Coustain
for me a ferlough if you
did not i wish you would
for that is the way that
a good meny of the men
are getting ferloughs, i send
my love to you all and
hope to get home in a few
weeks to see you all
i am on guard to write

I would ^{like} if Cap

Henderson could get
out company up the
with him for i think
we would have a fine
time up the nothing more
at present for i am tired
writing and i think you
will get tired reading this
letter for it is a long one
Richard Henderson get
a furlough tis evening
write soon to me your
true son
John T Cuddy

Mr John T Cuddy

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Mr John

Camp Near Washington
May 17 1863

Dear friends I seat my Self to write a few lines to informe you all that i am well at presant and hopeing you all the same I would like to be up ther tonite with you all to nite it is fine wether here every thing is out in blousome here every thing is nice here but i would like to get home for ten days to see you all i hope that i can get that furlough i think the time long to see you all but i have one year from the fifteeth of this month to stay in the arney

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One year will not seame long if we stay here but we do not know wether we will stay here ore not but i hope that we may get to the state to bring out the conscrips fro [for] i think they are to do some fighting too for we have faught eight battels in our time and we could fight eight more if we must i have don my duty as an american soldier ought to do i was not seventeen years old wen i inlisted to go and fight for my country i have seen all the that [that the?] rest has seen and more then the most of them has i have all wayes bean on duty ever since

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the time i was sick at the grate fauls i was sick six weeks ther that was the only time i was sick since i have ben in the army if i live to get threw this ware and get home safe i am going to setel down and live a happy life the rest of my time in this world i wroat to you to write to governer courtain for me a ferlough if you did not i wish you would for that is the way that a good meny of the men are geting ferloughs i send my love to you all and hope to get home in a few week to see you all i am on guard to nite

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I would like if cap Hendeson could get our company up ther with him for i think we would have a fine time up ther nothing more at presant for i am tiard writeing and i think you will get tiard reading this letter for it is a long one Richerd Henderson got a furlough tis eveing write soon to me your true son

John T Cuddy

Mr John H Cuddy

Camp Near Washington

May 21 1863

Dear Father i take the opportunity to
write a few lines to inform you that i am
well at present and hoping you all the same
Lieutenant S V Ruby commanding our company
told me this evening to write to you to write
to governer curtson for me a furlough that is
the only way to get one any ways soon tell him
that i have been in the army two years and
have not had a furlough yet and you
wish to see me this is fore in the company
a bed of me but if you write to the governer
he will send an order to the comander of the
regiment and i will get one right away
write to him right away as soon as you
get this letter for me may go to the front
before long and then i would not get
home for a nother year tell him the company
and regiment that i belong to and tell
him that i have not had a furlough yet
John A. Hatcher got his furlough that
way and it is the quickest way to get
one i send my love to you all and
hope to get home soon to see you all
Lieutenant Ruby told me he would get it
as soon as the governer would send a
recommendation to him and curtson will
write to him as soon as you write to
him write soon to him nothing more
at present but write soon to me
yours truly

John J. Cuddy

John J. Cuddy

Camp Near Washington
May 21 1863

Dear Father i take the oppertunity to write a few lines to informe you that i am well at presant and hopeing you all the same Leutenit S V Ruby commanding our company told me this eveining to write to you to write to governer curton for me a fourlough that is the only way to get one eny ways soon tell him that i have bean in the army too years and have not had a fourlough yet and you wish to see me ther is fore in the company a hed of me but if you write to the govener he willl send a order to the comander of the redgiment and i will get one right away write to him right a way as soon as you get this letter for we may go to the frunt before long and then i would not get home for a nother year tell him the company and redgiment that i belong to and tell him that i have not had a furlough yet John A Natcher got his furlough that way and it is the quickest way to get one i send my love to you all and hope to get home soon to see you all Leutenit Ruby told me he would get it as soon as the govener would send a recomendation to him and curton will rite to him as soon as you write to him write soon to him nothing more at presant but write soon to me

yours truly

John T Cuddy

Mr John H Cuddy

Camp here Washington

May 28 1863

Dear Father I feat my
self to write a few lines to
inform you all that i am well
at presant and hoping you
all the same i recivd a letter
from you with Dick Henderson
i was glad to here from you
but as do not think i can
get a furlough for i do not
think henderson will ~~try~~
try to get me one but i do
care i can wait till my
time is out it is only
eleven months more to stay
in the army and i can wait
that long if i do not get a
furlough but i would like
to see you all now

All the men that has
sworn to ^{the} governers has got
parlours i think that
Henderson will not try to
get me one but i dont
care it appears to me like
if you do not care about
me coming home if you dont
want to see me i can stay
away very easy i can get
a long my self but i will
come home wen my time is
out to stay a few weeks with
you all i have all ways
don my duty since i have
been in the army and
i all ways don what i thought
was right wen i was at home
i hope to get threw this
war safe and live a happy
life in this world

I send my love to you
all and hope to get home
some time to see you all
and to spend a few happy
days with you all again
nothing more at present
but write soon to me
remain your true son

John J Cuddy

Mrs John H Cuddy

Camp Nere Washington
May 28 1863

Dear Father I seat my self to write a few lines to informe you all that i am well at present and hopeing you all the same i recived a letter from you with Dick Henderson i was glad to here from you but i do not think I can get a furlough for i do not think Henderson will ~~not~~ try to get me one but i do care i can wait till my time is out it is only eleven monthes more to stay in the arney and i can wait that long if i do not get a furlough but i would like to see you all now

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All the men that has wroat to the govener has got furloughs i think that Henderson will not try to get me one but i dont care it appears to me like if you do not care about me coming home if you dont want to see me i can stay away very easy i can get a long my self but i will come home wen my time is out to stay a few weeks with you all i have all ways don my duty since i have bean in the arney and i all ways don what i thaught was right wen i was at home i hope to get threw this ware safe and live a happy life in this world

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I send my love to you all and hope to get home some time to see you all and to spend a few happy days with you all again nothing more at presant but write soon to me remain your true son

John T Cuddy

Mr John H Cuddy

Camp near Washington

June 8 1863

Dear friends I
seat my self to write a few lines
to inform you all that i am
well at present and hopeing you
all the same. i received a letter
from you last week i was
glad to heer from you all
i think it long to see you
all i dont know wether i will
get home till my time is out
are not but i do not think
that ^{capt} henderson is trying for
a furlough for me he he
could of had it before now
i would like to see you
all but we have only eleven
months more to stay in the
army now that will soon
slip around

I send my love to you
all and hope that the will not
be long till i can get home
to see you all again i have
not much to write now i am
on guard this morning we
have good times here but i
would like to get to Pennsylvania
to stay this summer nothing
more at present but write
soon and let me know how
the folks are getting along
up ther tell cap Blennesson
about that furlough he is
to get me for i would
like to get home now
nothing more remain your
true son John J Cuddy

Mr John H Cuddy

Camp Near Washington
June 8 1863

Dear friends I seat my self to write a few lines to informe you all that i am well at presant and hopeing you all the same i recived a letter from you last week i was glad to here from you all i think it long to see you all i dont know wether i will get home till my time is out ore not but i do not think that cap henderson is trying to a furlough for me ore he could have had it before now i would like to see you all but we have only eleven monthes more to stay in the arney now that will soon slip around

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I send my love to you all and hope that the will not be long till i can get home to see you all again i have not much to write now i am on guard this morning we have good times here but i would like to get to Pennsylvana to stay this summer nothing more at presant but write soon and let me know how the folks are giting along up ther tell cap Henderson about that furlough he is to get me for i would like to get home now nothing more remain your true son

John T Cuddy

Mr John H Cuddy

Camp Rose Washington

June 13 1863

Dear father I sent my
self to write a few lines to
inform you that i am well
at present and hoping you
all the same i recievd a letter
from you last week and had
not time to answer it till to nite
i am on guard to nite and i
thought i would write a few
lines to you as heard that the
rebels is in pennsylvanay now
we wish we ware up there
we would put them apt of
it in a hurry i am sure of it
we expect to be ordered up
there in a few days i hope we
may for i would like to
fight the rebels in pennsylvanay
for i think we could mit
them

I hope that they may
get them out of the state
for i dont like to see the
rebeles up there and us down
here i hope we may get
to harrisburg and then we
can get home to see you
all i send my love to
you all and hope to get
home the first day i have
not much to write now
for i must go on guard
in a few minits now
nothing more at present
but write soon and let me
know how things all
going up the my love to
all remain yours true son
John J Cuddy

alls John H Cuddy

you must excuse my
bad writing for i was in
a hurry when i wrote this
letter

Camp Nere Washington
June 15 1863

Dear father I Seat my Self to write a few lines to informe you that i am well at presant and hopeing you all the same i recived a letter from you last week and had not time to answer it till to nite i am on guard to nite and i thought i would write a few lines to you we herd that the rebels is in pennsylvanay now we wish we ware up ther we would put them out of it in a hurry i am sure of it we expect to be ordered up ther in a few days i hope we may for i would like to fight the rebels in pennsylvana for i think we could git them

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I hope that they may get them out of the state for i don t like to see the rebels up ther and us down here i hope we may get to harrisburg and then we can get home to see you all i send my love to you all and hope to get home before long i have not much to write now for i must go on guard in a few minits now nothing more at presant but write soon and let me know how things are going up ther my love to all remain your true son

John T Cuddy

Mr John H Cuddy

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you must excuse my bad writing for i was in a hurry wen i roat this letter