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Camp at Alexander
July 17 1863

Dear Father

I seat my self
to write to you to inform
you all that i am well at
presant and hoping you all
the same i received a letter
from you on the 14 i was
glad to here from you it
was about six weeks since
i had herd from you we are
laying at alexander yet we
will lay here for a few
weeks more for we sent
men for drafted men
to fill our division up
to its aft number we are
all in good health and
hoping to see this war over

I hope it may be over
till next spring our army
has been successful for
the last month we have
nearly all of the strong holds
we have wicksburg fort
Hudson and have charleston
by this time and have
nipped Lee in Pennsylvania
and drove him out of Maryland
he is retreating down through
Virginia as fast as he can
we have good news every day
now and hope to the end
of this rebellion before
long we have a man in
command of the army
of the potomack now
we have only ten months
more to stay in the army
now and by that time
I hope this war will be

over and then we can
return home and live in
peace again i have not
much more to write now
but i send my love to you
all and thank you for that
dollar you sent me i have
not heard from anna for
over two month but i do
not care much for i can
get as good ones when i get
home nothing more at
present but write soon to
me my love to you all
remain your true son

John T Cuddy

Mr John R Cuddy

Camp at Alexander
July 17 1863

Dear Father

I seat my self to write to you to informe you all that i am well at presant and hopeing you all the same i recived a letter from you on the 14 i was glad to here from you it was about six weeks since i had herd from you we are laying at alexander yet we will lay here for a few weeks more for we sent men for drafted men to fill our division up to its old number we are all in good helth and hopeing to see this ware over

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I hope it may be over till next spring our army has bean suchsess full [successful] for the last month we have nearly all of ther strong holts we have vicksburg port hudson and have charleston by this time and have nipped lee in pennyslvana and drove him out of meryland he is retreating down threwh verginia as fast as he can we have good news every day now and hope to the end of this rebelion before long we have a man in command of the army of the potomack now we have only ten month more to stay in the army now and by that time i hope this ware will be

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over and then we can return home and live in peac again i have not much more to write now but i send my love to you all and thank you for that doller you sent me i have not hurd from anna for over two month but i do not care much for i can get as good ones wen i get home nothing more at presant but write soon to me my love to you all

remain your true son

John T Cuddy

Mr John H Cuddy

Camp at alexander
August 4 1863

Dear Friends I seat my
self to write a few lines to
inform you all that i am well
at presant and hoping you all
the same i received a letter from
you to day i was glad to here
from you again i thank you
for that dollar you sent me
this ware will soon be over
and then i hope to get home
again i would like to beat
home a few days now but
i can wait nine month and
twelve days and then if i am
a live i will get home to spend
a few happy days with you
all again i would like to meet
beat home to see all them nice ^{girls} ^{more}

The time slips around
very fast here for me all on
guard every other day in the
city and we have a good time
here but i hope and pray to get
threw this war safe and spend
a happy life with you all
this war will not last much
longer then next spring and
then this will be a happy time
to us all i send my love to
maggie and the boys, and to you
all and tell Thomas Gibbers to
write to me i would like to
hear from them i do not
think much of the girls now
and i dont want to think
much of them now for i have
not time to write to any now
i wish i was at home to write
i think i would have some
good times to gether

The time is long to see
you all and to be with you all
I send my love to you all I have
not much to write now there
is no news here we are expecting
to hear of the fall of Charleston
and then we will have nearly
all the thron holds and then
the war will soon be over
and then we will meet again
to spend a few happy days with
you all I got them stamps
you sent me I thank you
for them nothing more at
present but write soon to
me remain your true son
John S Cuddy

Mr John H Cuddy

Camp at alexander
August 4 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 today i was glad to here from you again i thank you for that doller you sent me this ware will soon be over and then i hope to get home again i would like to be at home a few days now but i can wait nine month and twelve days and then if i am a live i will get home to spend a few happy days with you all again i would like to be at home to see all them nice girls now

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The time slips around very fast here for we are on guard every other day in the city and we have a good time here but i hope and pray to get threw this ware safe and spend a happy life with you all this ware will not last much longer then next spring and then ther will be a happy time to us all i send my love to maggy and the boys and to you all and tell Thomas Giblers to write to me i would like to here from them i do not think much of the girles now and i dont want to think much of them now for i have not time to write to eny now i wish i was at home to nite i think i would have some good times to gether

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the time is long to see you all and to be with you all i send my love to you all i have not much to write now ther is no news here we are expecting to here of the fall of charleston and then we will have nearly all ther throng holds and then the ware will soon be over and then we will meet again to spend a few happy days with you all i got them stamps you sent me i thank you for them nothing more at presant but write soon to me

remain your true son

John T Cuddy

Mr John H Cuddy

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[writing in a different hand on the back of last page]

Carlisle Nov 1881

Dear friends [?] it is with Pleasure

Mr Cuddy A Cuddy
Maggie Glass [?] Carlisle
Maggie Cumberland
County
PA [?]

A Cuddy
Carlisle
County County [?]
Carlisle
Cumberland

[written perpendicular to other text] Magge Glen Glens

Camp at Alexander
August 23rd 1863

Dear Mother I take the
opportunity to write a few
lines to inform you all that
i am well at present and hoping
you all the same i received a
letter from you today i was glad
to here from you all we all
still at alexander and expect
to stay here the rest of our
time i hope we may for
we have good times here
we take exercises out to the
army every day we get riding
on the cars about fifty miles
every other day we have only
eight months and a half to
stay in the army now

That will soon pass around
i hope to get home next
spring but i would like
to be at home to write i think
i would have a fine time
i am living in hopes now
i cannot get home now but
i hope and pray to get home
safe when my time is out in
the army i have all ways been
a good soldier and have don
my duty i am still a private
and will stay one while
i am in the army but if
i get home safe i will never
souldier any more if i am get
out of it for a soldier that
dos his duty dos not gent any
more honours then one that
dos not his duty but i am
contented and happy and
in good health

I hope to get home safe
and live a happy life with
you all again i know more
a haunt the world now then
ever i did before i was always
a bad boy when i was at home
but if i get home i hope to be
a better boy then i was i will
only be nineteen years old in
two month and i have two
trades and been two years and
a half in the army this is not
many boys as young as i am and
have don what i have i would
like to be at home this being
with you all i send my love
to maggy and the boys and
all the rest of you i have not
much to write now i wish
you would send me a few
stamps if you pleas

Nothing more at present
But will soon to me
remain your true son

John F Cuddy
to
Mrs John F Cuddy

Camp at Alexander
August 25th 1863

Dear Mother I take the oppertunity 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 today i was glad to here from you all we are still at alexander and expect to stay here the rest of our time i hope we may for we have good times here we take convcrips [conscripts] out to the army every day we get riding on the cars about fifty miles every other day we have only eight month and a half to stay in the army now

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That will soon pass around i hope to get home next Spring but i would like to be at home to nite i think i would have a fine time i am living in hopes now i can not get home now but i hope and pray to get home safe wen my time is out in the army i have all ways bean a good soldier and have done my duty i am still a privet and will stay one while i am in the army but if i get home safe i will never soldier eny more if i an [can] get out of it for a soldier that dos his duty dos not gent [get] eny more honour then one that dos not his duty but i am contented and happy and in good helth

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I hope to get home safe and live a happy life with you all again i know more a bout the world now then ever i did before i was all ways a bad boy wen i was at home but if i get home i hope to be a better boy then i was i will only be ninteen years old in two month and i have two trades and bean two years and a half in the army ther is not meny boys as yong as i am and have don what i have i would like to be at home this eveing with you all i send my love to maggy and the boys and all the rest of you i have not much to write now i wish you would send me a few stamps if you pleas

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Nothing more at presant But write soon to me

remain your true son

John T Cuddy

Mr John H Cuddy

Camp At Alexander

September 20 1863

Dear Parents I take the
Opportunity to write a few
lines to inform you all that
I am well at present and
hoping you all the same I
received a letter from you the
other day I was glad to here
from you all we are still
at Alexander we have cold
weather here now we have
good news from the front
and charlestown will fall
before long and general Mead
will take richmond and that
will end the war we have only
eight month more to stay in the
army now we hope to stay here
the rest of our time

We are all in hopes
to see the war over till
spring i hope to get thro
this war safe again i wish
i was at home to write i could
tell you all some good things
about the war i have not
much to write at present
i send my love to you all
and hope to get home safe
again and spend a happy life
with you all it is one
year since i was at home
but it will only be eight
months till i get home now
if nothing happen to us now
i was out to day and gether
about ten quarts of grapes
ther are nice ones nothing more
at present but will soon

John J Cuddy
Mrs John J Cuddy

Samuel McBeth came back
to the company he is looking
well he told me that he was
at home and saw you all
that is all at present

J T C

J H Cuddy

Camp At Alexander
September 20 1863

Dear Parents I take the Oppertunity 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 the other day i was glad to here from you all we are still at alexander we have cold wether here now we have good news from the frunt and charlestown will fall before long and general Mead will take richmond and that will end the ware we have only eight month more to stay in the army now we hope to stay here the rest of our time

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We are all in hopes to see the ware over till spring i hope to get threw this ware safe again i wish i was at home tonite i could tell you all some good things about the ware i have not much to write at presant i send my love to you all and hope to get home safe again and spend a happy life with you all it is one year since i was at home but it will only be eight month till i get home now if nothing happen to us now i was out to day and getherd about ten quarts of grapes ther are nice ones nothing more at presant but write soon

John T Cuddy

Mr John H Cuddy

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Samuel McBeth came back to the company he is looking well he told me that he was at home and saw you all that is all at presant

J T C

J H Cuddy

Camp At Alexander
September 23 1863

Dear Mother I take
the pleasure of writing a few
lines to inform you all that
i am well at present and hoping
you all the same i received a
letter from you today i was
glad to here from you all
we are at alexander yet
and hope to stay here the
rest of our time we are all
in good health we have
good news from the front
we have only eight month
to stay in the army and
then i hope to get home safe
again and live a happy
life with you all again

We have cool wether here
now we have good times
here and plenty to eat and
we would like to be at home
to smill with you all i would
tell you some good things about
the time i had in the army
if i get home sofe again i hope
to do some good for you all
i have not much to write
to you now i send my love
to you all and hope to get
home sofe and spend a happy
life with you all again nothing
more at presant but write
soon to me remain your son

John D Cuddy

Mrs Agnes Cuddy

Camp At Alexander
September 23 1863

Dear Mother I take the plesure of writing 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 today i was glad to here from you all we are at alexander yet and hope to stay here the rest of our time we are all in good helth we have good news from the frunt we have only eight month to stay in the army and then i hope to get home safe again and live a happy life with you all again

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We have cool wether here now we have good times here and plenty to eat and i would like to be at home to nite with you all i would tell you some good things about the times i had in the army if i get home safe again i hope to do some good for you all i have not much to write to you now i send my love to you all and hope to get home safe and spend a happy life with you all again nothing more at presant but write soon to me remain your son

John T Cuddy

Mrs Agness [Agnes] Cuddy