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Camp At Alexander

October 1863

Dear Parents i take up  
my pen to write a few lines  
to inform you all that i am  
well at presant and hoping  
you all the same i did not  
recived a lette from you this  
week the reason i write to  
you is that Samuel McBeth  
got his discharge and i thought  
i would write you a letter  
we are at Alexander yet and  
expect to stay here the rest  
of our time we we expect  
to get an guard perminent  
at the soldiers retreat. in the  
city i have not much to write  
at presant but i send my  
love to you all and hope  
to get home safe next spring

'We have only seven month  
and a half to stay in the  
army now and i hope to  
serve my time out and  
then get home safe again  
it has been one year since  
i was at home now i think  
i can wait till my time is  
out and then i will get  
home nothing more at  
presant but write soon  
to me remain your son

John D Brady

Mrs John D Brady

Camp At Alexander  
October 1 1863

Dear Parents i take up my pen to write a few lines to informe you all that i am well at presant and hopeing you all the same i did not recive a lette from you this week the reason i write to you is that Samuel M<sup>c</sup>Beth got his discharge and i thought i would write you a letter we are at Alexander yet and expect to stay here the rest of our time we we expect to get on guard permiment at the soldiers retreat in the city i have not much to write at presant but i send my love to you all and hope to get home safe next spring

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We have only seven month and a half to stay in the army now and i hope to serve my time out and then get home safe again it has bean one year since i was at home now i think i can wait till my time is out and then i will get home nothing more at presant but write soon to me remain your son

John T Cuddy

Mr John H Cuddy

Camp of Alexander

October 14 1869

Dear Mother i received a  
letter from you i was glad  
to here from you i am well  
at present and hope you the  
same i am on guard up the  
rail road about three miles  
from camp at a brig we  
have good times the general  
mead is fighting to day  
we can here his cannons & here  
we herd that curtin was  
elected again the are fore  
of our boys at home now  
i may get home about  
christmas for a few days  
van B. Eby is home on a  
furlough for fifteen days

And i wish you would send  
me my watch with him  
when he comes back if you  
pleas we will be paid in  
three or four weeks now  
and then i will send you  
some money i have not  
much to write at presant  
but write soon to me i send  
my love to you all and  
hope to get home be fore  
long to see you all ag ain  
remain your true son  
John J Cuddy

Mr John J Cuddy

Camp At Alexander  
October 14 1863

Dear Mother i recived a letter from you i was glad to here from you i am well at presant and hope you the same i am on guard up the rilroad [railroad] about three miles from camp at a brige we have good times ther general Mead is fighting to day we can here his cannons plane we herd that curtin was elected again ther are fore of our boys at home now i may get home about christmust for a few days Van B Eby is home on a furlough for fifteen days

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And i wish you would send me my watch with him wen he comes back if you pleas we will be payed in three ore fore weeks now and then i will send you some money i have not much to write at presant but write soon to me i send my love to you all and hope to get home before long to see you all again remain your true son

John T Cuddy

Mr John H Cuddy

Camp at Kings Bridge

November 1<sup>st</sup> 1863

Dear Parents

I take the pleasure  
to write a few lines to inform you  
all that I am well at present and  
hoping you all the same I received  
my watch last week but no letter  
I am still guarding at the bridge  
there is eleven of our company here  
we have a fort built and good  
quarters now and good times  
it is four miles to the regiment  
I am going down to morrow  
to see about a furlough I hope  
I can get one till Christmas  
for I would like to spend  
ten days with you all again  
the time is long to see you all  
but we have only six months to  
stay in the army now



I wish i. was up ther to  
nite i would have a letter  
times then i have here i think  
this war will be over till  
next spring i would like to  
have a talk with my little  
brothers and maggy i hope  
i can be fore long i am  
happy and send my love  
to you all and hope to  
get throu this war safe and  
spend a happy life with you  
all a gain if i can get  
a ferlongh i will be home  
a christmest nothing more  
at presant but with soon  
remain your son

John J Cuddy

Mr John H Cuddy

Camp At Kings Bridge  
November 1<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear Parents

I take the plesure to write a few lines to informe you all that i am well at presant and hoping you all the same i recived my watch last week but no letter i am still guarding at the bridge ther is eleven of our company here we have a fort bilt and good quarters now and good times it is fore miles to the regiment i am going down to morrow to see about a ferlough i hope i can get one till christmust for i would like to spend ten days with you all again the time is long to see you all but we have only six month to stay in the army now

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I wish i was up ther to nite i would have a better times then i have here i think this ware will be over till next spring i would like to have a talk with my littel brothers and maggy i hope i can be fore long i am happy and send my love to you all and hope to get threw this ware safe and spend a happy life with you all a gain if i can get a ferlough i will be home a [at] christmust nothing more at presant but write soon

remain your son

John T Cuddy

Mr John H Cuddy

Camp Slow Va

November 29<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear Parents 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 recived a letter from  
you an wednesday evening i was glad to  
hear from you all i got the stamps  
you sent me the time is long to  
see you all but on the fifteenth  
of next may any time will be out in  
the army and then i hope to get home  
again our regiment is laying at  
alexandria yet but i am at a railroad  
bridg and ten more of our company  
we have good times here we would like  
very much to stay here this winter  
i would like very much to get home  
but i cannot get a furlough with out i  
join the army for three years more

I could get a furlough for  
thirty days if i would but i  
will wait till next spring and  
then i wont need a furlough i would  
like to see you all now very much  
but it will not be long till my  
time is out now for it is nery christmast  
we have good news from the front  
general mead has moved and grant  
has wipped bragg and charles town  
will fall be fore long and i think  
that will end the war i would  
like to see this war over for  
i am tired of it now dear mother  
i hope you will not trouble your  
self about me for i am getting  
along as well here as if i would  
be at home i am well and happy  
and hoping to see the end of this  
war soon and to get home again  
times are passing around fast spring  
will soon be here and then i  
will get home again

John & Mather and two other  
of our boys has going in the veteran  
Corps they get 400 dolles bounty and  
a thirty day furlow but i will not  
go in till my time is out now  
i have not much to write at present  
but i send my love to maggy and  
the boys and all the rest of you  
nothing more at present but remain  
your true son John J Cuddy

Mr John H Cuddy

Camp Slow Va  
November 29<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear Parents 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 on wensday eveining i was glad to here from you all i got the stamps you sent me the time is long to see you all but on the fifthteenth of next may my time will be out in the army and then i hope to get home again our regiment is laying at alexandria yet but i am at railroad bridg and ten more of our company we have good times here we would like very much to stay here this winter i would like very much to get home but i cannot get a ferlough with out i join the army for three years more

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I could get a ferlough for Thirty days if i would but i will wait till next spring and then i wont nead a ferlough i would like to see you all now very much but it will not be long till my time is out now for it is nerly christmust we have good news from the frunt general mead has moved and grant has wipped bragg and charels town will fall be fore long and i think that will end the ware i would like to see this ware over for i am tiard of it now dear mother i hope you will not trubel your self about me for i am giting along as well here as if i would be at home i am well and happy and hopeing to see the end of this ware soon and to get home again times are passing around fast spring will soon be here and then i will get home again

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John A Natcher and two other of our boys has going in the vetren Corps they get 40[?] dollers bounty and a thirty day ferlow but i will not go in till my time is out now i have not much to write at presant but i send my love to maggy and the boys and all the rest of you nothing more at presant but remain your true son

John T Cuddy

Mr John H Cuddy