

March the 8 1863

Dear father and mother

I thought i Would right a few lines to you to let you know that i am well and hope that these few lines will find you the same i recived your letter and was glad to hear from you and was glad to hear that you all were well and that you got my check all strate We are incamp at falmouth corthouse in virginna We havent been in any battles yet but we expect to have one at fredicburg about four weeks ago but the river was so hight that we could not cross there is some talk of the ware is settling this spring i should be glad if it would i would like to come home for i am tird of solgerling it is a niger life to live and for my part i shall be glad when it is over and when i get home again my health is good and the weather is warm and faverable hear for us they hant been but a little snow down hear this winter it would come a little and then it would turn round warm and thaw it all off again i would like to see you all first trate well i want you to rite oftener than you do for it is lonesome hear for me i havint seen beels yet nor i dont know whare he is nor whair his ridgmant is i wish you wood rite what ridgmant he belong to that is all for this time so good by this from your son

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