

Camp near Fredricksburg

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dear rhoda i received yours of the 10th a few days after i wrote my last
i am glad to know that you have got the bounty i got two month pay yesterday
day i enclose a 20 dollar check which you can take to the bank and get the
money i expect to receive 4 month pay nex mont but cannot tel how much
longer i may have to wate you wanted to know if i wanted some dried appels
and berries i leave it to your self to do as you think best about sending
any thing i have anought to eat of such as it is and not very bad nether
our bread is what we call hared tack it looks very much like soda crackers
but is very hard i think i will send you a sample of it soon we have
plenty pork and fresh beef beans or rice nearly every day and sometimes
potatoes dried appels molases and every day good big spoon ful of shuger
plenty coffey sometimes tea and in cold stormey wather a drink of
whiskey if you send me any thing i want some thing better then dried
appels berries would be very good and two or three pownds of butter in
as small a tin pail as you can get with a cover to it it would be very
useful when i got it emty i would like some chease afew very noice cookies
and a pound of saledratus some paper and any ~~xxxxx~~ thing good you please
that will keep four or five weeks but not to be more then twenty pounds
box and all i shuld think that ten or twelve pounds would be anought i
have told you what we eat i must now tell you what kind of houses we live
in every man has a pece of tent it takes 4 peaces to make a roof so 4
men goes to gather and bilds a log house of poles and covers it with a
chimney with shick and mud i now live with three men from portland
sargent ~~xxx~~ barnhart mr slausen and mr page all members of the m e church
dear rhoda remember me to all my friends and in prayr

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