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Camp Peaswell Plains

January the 18th 1863

Dear friends with
pleasure i take up my pen
to write a few lines
to let you now that
i am well at present
and hope these few lines
may find you all in
the same state of health.
The time seems long
to see you all but
i hope that this war
will soon be over be
fore long and i hope
to be at home till
next spring i think
the time long to see you
all but i hope and pray
to god to spare me through
this war

We expect to get
payed for six months
in a few days and
then i will send
home some money to
you i am happy to
send my love to you
all and hope to be
at home till next
spring i think this
war will be over till
then we think this
war cannot last
any longer then next
spring for we will
be payed out till
then i am in good
helth we have good
game as you know i am
happy to send my love
to you all

i am with the
ammunition train now
as guard and have
a fine time of
it the last battle
at Fredricks burg was
a big one as ever
was fought but i got
through safe i send
my love to you all
i got a letter from
anna this evening
and i was glad
to here from you all
i wish you would
send me some stamps
if you please nothing
more at present but
rite soon remember
me yours true soon
John T Cuddy
Mr John T Cuddy

Camp Near bell plains
Januery the 1 1863

Dear friends with plesure i take up my pen to rite a few lines to let you now that i am well at presant and hope thes few lines may find you all in the same state of helth the time seames long to see you all but i hope that this war will soon be over be fore long and i hope to be at home till next spring i think the time long to see you all but i hope and pray to god to spare me throug this ware

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We expect to git payed for six monthes in a few days and then i will send home some money to you i am happy to send my love to you all and hope to be at home till next spring i think this ware will be over till then we think this ware can not last eny longer then next spring for we will be played out till then i am in good helth we have good quarters now i am happy to send my love to you all

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i am with the amunision train now as guard and have a fine time of it the last battel at Fredricks burg was a big one as ever was fought but i got through safe i send my love to you all i got a letter form anna this evining and i was glad to here form you all i wish you would send me some stamps if you pleas nothing more at presant but rite soon remember me your true son

John T Cuddy

Mr John H Cuddy

Camp Near Bell Plains

January 14 1863

Dear friends i take up
my pen to rite a few
lines to let you now
that i am well at present
and hope thes few lines
may find you all in
the same state of helth
the time deames long to see
you all but i hope
that this ware may
be over and then
i hope to get home
to spend a few happy
days with you all
i received that letter
with the stamps in
we expect to get payed
off next week i am
happy to send my love to you

Dear friends i wish
i was at home with
you all i think i
could have happy times
i have got a good
place now i am
on guard at the
ammunition train we have
good times here i hope
and pray to god to
spare me to get through
this war safe and
return safe to you all
i am in as good
health as ever i was
i am happy to
my love to you all
i hope that this war
will be over till spring
and then i hope to
get home safe and
spend a happy time with you

Nothing more at
present but will soon
remember me your true son

John J Cuddy
To Mr John H Cuddy

Camp Near Bell plains
Januery 14 1863

Dear friends i take up my pen to rite a few lines to let you now that i am well at presant and hope thes few lines may find you all in the same state of helth the time seames long to see you all but i hope that this ware may be over and then i hope to get home [to *one word inserted*] spend a few happy days with you all i recived that letter with the stamps in we expect to get payed off next week i am happy to send my love to you

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Dear friends i wish i was at home with you all i think i could have happy times i have got a good place now i am on guard at the amunision train we have good times here i hope and pray to god to spare me to get through this ware safe and return safe to you all i am in as good helth as ever i was i am happy to [send *one word inserted*] my love to you all i hope that this ware will be over till spring and then i hope to get home safe and spend a happy time with you

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Nothing more at presant but rite soon remember me your true son

John T Cuddy

Mr John H Cuddy

Order Department P B V B

Birmingham the 16 1863

Dear parents with pleasure
i take up my pen to
write a few lines to you
to let you now that
i am well at present
and hope that these few
lines may find you all
in the same state of health
time so comes long to be
with you all but
i hope and pray to god
to spare me through
this war and let me
get home safe again
i have got a good filose
now i have nothing to
do but guard i am
happy and getting along
fine as can be

Dear friends this
war is an awful thing
fighting for negroes
now is a bad thing
but i hope that this
war will be over till
spring ~~old~~ all done a
bad thing men be freed
all the slaves now ~~the~~
rebels is fighting for the
sides dear friend i wish
that this war was over
and i was at home
with you all again
i think that i will not
go a soldiering any
more for i am tired
of war now i hope
to get through this
war safe i am
happy and send
my love to you all

What have we gain^{ed}
by fighting yet we
lost more then we
gained i hope that our
devison will get
to the state for to
re crute for we have
only two thousand and
five hundred men in
our devison now and
if we get to the state
i do think that we
will not go out any
more dear friends i
wish that this ware was
over and i was at home
to nite with you all
i send my love to you
all and do not forget
me your true son

Jacob J Cuddy
Mr John H Cuddy

Ordenc [Ordinance] Department PRVC
Januery the 16 1863

Dear parents with plesure i take up my pen to rite a few lines to you to let you now that i am well at presant and hope that thes few lines may find you all in the same state of helth time seames long to be with you all but i hope and pray to god to spare me through this ware and let me get home safe again i have got a good plase now i have nothing to do but guard i am happy and giting along fine as can be

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Dear friends this ware is an auffel thing fighting for ngroes now is a bad thing but i hope that this ware will be over till spring Old abe done a bad thing wen he freed all the slaves now the rebels is fghting for ther rites dear friend i wish that this ware was over and i was at home with you all again i think that i will not go a soldgering eny more for i am tiard of ware now i hope to get through this ware safe i am happy and send my love to you all

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What have we gained by fighting yet we lost more then we ganed i hope that our devision will get to the state for to recrute for we have only two thousand and five hundred men in our devision now and if we get to the state i do think that we will not go out eny more dear friends i wish that this ware was over and i was at home to nite with you all i send my love to you all and do not forget me your true son

John T Cuddy

Mr John H Cuddy

Uptens Hill Feb 25 1803

Dear parents i seat myself to rite
a few lines to informe you all that
i am well at present and hope these few
lines may find you all in the same
state of health i got to my redgiment
last nite i got two letters from you
i was glad to here from you all
i had not herd from you for three
weeks i was left at bells plains i got
back we must go on picket to morrow
i got the stamps you sent me i
do not think i can get a ferlow
for a for these are a bed of me but
as soon as i can get i will come
home for a few days i am happy to
send my love to you we are laying
at uptens hill now i have not much
to write to you now nothing more at
present but rite soon to me remembers me
yours true son John J Cuddy
Mr John J Cuddy

Uptens Hill Feb 28 1863

Dear parents i seat my self to rite a few lines to informe you all that i am well at presant and hope thes few lines may find you all in the same state of helth i got to my redgiment last nite i got too letters from you i was glad to here from you all i had not herd from you for three weeks i was left at bells plaines i got back we must go on picket tomorrow i got the stamps you sent me i do not think i can get a ferlow for a for ther are a hed of me but as soon as i can get [one i *two words inserted*] will come home for a few days i am happy to send my love to you we are laying at uptens hill now i have not much to write to you now nothing more at presant but rite soon to me remember me youre true son

John T Cuddy

Mr John H Cuddy