

Fredrickburg Jan the 17/1863

dear friend tip

I received your letter last nite
and was very glad to hear from
you and to hear that you was all
well your letter found me all
right and I should think that
the folks was doing very well
I dont think that I know that
Brown of James I suppose that
he and Jane thinks they had ^{de} had
there done, and tip tell them
both that I wish them much joy
and the first year a boy
but for I think ther will wante
more soldiers her if they take
ther boys and the river a gane
and I think ther will be another

meal made before long and
think we shall go in to for
we have had 3 dayes rashes
and orders to be ready to march
at any time what does the
folks think about this war
tell Alfred to send me a daler
worth of stamps and when I get
my pay I will send him a daler
in a letter for I havnt got any
stamps nor any money and if
I had a hundred dalers I could not
git any for ther is now to be
had hear I should think that
had and Charley would be a getting
real I cant write as soon as
you get this
from Harvey East