

Feb 2ond 63
Camp near Fredricksburg

Dear Father

As I have a chance to send you a letter by Edger Night I wil enclose a draft of twenty dollars that I received from the pay master I told you about it I think before I come away the reason of haveing them so if they get lost we can get another We did not receive but two months pay we should of rawn fore months for we were mustered for fore months but we have take what we can get and be satisfied until we get more

I am we at presant and hope this wil find you the same I received a letter from Frank yesterday and am a going to write an answer to day

Write as soon as you get this so I shal know whother you get or not
no more at presant
this from your affectionate son

Duane Marsh

[Duane Marsh, private, Co. A, 154th New York, *National Archives*.]

Feb 11th 1863
Camp near Stafford Courthouse

Dear Father

I recived your letter dated Feb 1st yesterday was glad to here from you I recived two seets of paper and a Tribune Freeman I do not think that I have recived all of the papers that you have sent me I have not recived a newspaper in two months before and have never had a rural I gess I have recive all of the letters but I do not know I have had paper and envelops in all I have had latly I have answered all of the letters that I have recived from home but I do not think that you have recived all of them I wrote Frank a letter dated the the Feb 3d or 4th I do not remember which and sent two dollars in it have you recived that I sent you a check of twenty dollars by Edgar Night he started the 5th the same day that we broke camp and come here. We have got back with Segals Corps we are about 10 miles from Fredricksburg the oppion is that we shal stay here now until spring but we cannot tel this is the third time that we have build up winter quarters evry time we go into a new camp go to work the first thing and put up a log house and cover it with our tents and build fire places in them and us a bunk of poles and put in some seeder bows and that makes a nice bed Mr Dean was over to our camp the day before we left he said that we had a box together we are quite a ways apart now but if I get it I gues I can send his part to him or if it gose to him he can do the same *[line obscured, pasted onto pension document]* I am well with the exception of a hard cold

I do not think of eny thing more at presant so I wil close by sending my love to all this from affectionate son

Duane
Souldier Boy

[Duane Marsh, private, Co. A, 154th New York, *National Archives.*]

Camp John Manly
May 17th 1863

Dear Father

I recived your letter of the 10th night before last was glad to here from you and the rest of the family I am wel and hearty as ever and we are geting prety wel recruited up again but when we got here we were about tucked out for we had not had eny rest to amount to eny thing for a weak We have heard from the most of the boys so we know whare they are Joseph Price James Randolph Byron Crook Alvin Hitchcock Sam Bryant John Wood and the two Campbell boys wer taken prisoners and a good meny are at the hospitals wounded Joseph Price had a slite wound in the arm George Brown was wounded in the sid we have not heard from him since the fight We have not heard how meny was kiled yet

I sent you a check fo forty dollars the 13th of this month I presume you have got it before this time we recived \$52.00 Dorr Price had the misfortune to loose ten dollars and I had more than I realy needed and I let him have five dollars and have E. C Price pay you the same for him and if I get short I can send for it it is not a very safe place here to keep mony I can send home for things that I need cheepher than we can get them here I am very glad to here that you are geting along so wel wel I would like to be there to help you but it looks rather discourgeing about comeing very soon there are a great meny troops that their time is out and are a going home

Wallis Chase wanted me to send for 50 cents in postage stamps *[line obscured by tear in paper]* I do not think of eny thing more at presant so I wil close by sending my love to all

This from your affectionate son

Duane Marsh

P.S I forgot to tel you that Alonzo Casler was taken prisoner with the rest

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June 20th 1863
Goose river some where in Va.

Dear Father

I recived your letter a few days a go and have not had a chance to answer it until now We left Stafford a weak ago yesterday and have been very buisy ever since. we first went to cattlicks station on the Alexandra and Orange R.R. We then went to Centerville and stayed there nearly two dayes and then came here they say we are about six miles from Leasburg There has been considerable cannonading in the direction of Leasburg but have not heard from it yet We had a prety hard march it was very warm and dusty and when we got here we wer pretty tiard and a great meny had to fall out but I stood it first rate We left Dorr Price at the hospital when we started he was not very sick but not able to march We recived two months pay the day we left Stafford I wil enclose a check of twenty dollars in this I recived a long letter from Ettia and was very glad to hear from her tel her I am sory she has to have so much trouble with her throat

I almost forgot to tel you that I am wel as ever.

There is no doubt but what Isah Cross is dead he was not seen nor heard of after the fight the Capt sayed he wrote to Mr Cross about it a sell ago I suppose they feel very bad he was a very good boy and every one though a great deal of him I shall have to bring my letter to a close so good by for this time

this from your affectionate son

Duane

June 28th I did not have a chance to send this so I thought I would write some more. We are now in Maryland about two miles north of Midletown it is a very plesant place here and there is a great deal of grane here and think the most of the citizens are good loyal people. the most of them take a great deal of pains to sel us milk and and the like at a reasonable price I tel you tastes good to get hold of good bread and milk.

I recived a letter from mother and Ettia last night

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Jamestown Sept 27th

Dear Father

I take the present opportunity to write you a few lines to let you know that I am well and hope this find you and the rest of the family the same I received a line from you stating that my boots were at the depot and I have been down and got them like them first rate We have got the balance of our bounty and I ment to send some more money by Dorr Price but I did not know that he was a going home until he had gone

The orders are now that we are a going to leave here monday at fore O cock

I do not know as I shall have a chance to see any of you but I will send home the money the first chance I have

I have and so has the most of our company made arrangement to have a check of \$10.00 per month of our pay after we get on the field to send home so if one is lost we will receive another and it will not be good for nothing until it reaches you for I have it made out in your name

you may think that \$3.00 per month is small to have with me but I can send home for a little if I get short

I do not think of any thing more at present

I think we will leave monday without a doubt

This from your affectionate son

Duane Marsh

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