

Camp two miles from Fairfax Court house
Sunday after noon Dec 7 1862

Dear Parents

Your kind letter reach me yeasterday It found me injoying very good health excepting of a rather hard cold at present and I very glad to hear that you all was so well I also got a letter from Et and one from Ed. they was all well. Ed said that the snow was three inches deep the snow is about the same depth down in Virginia now It has bin very pleasant here untill now within few days past. It commence snowing last Friday it snowed all day very hard and stop at night cleared off pleasant clear & cold & the next day sun shone warm most of the day but very cold nights, and to day the sun shine bright but rather cold and windy, & I am setting around my camp fire writing now to you. Last Sunday I attended preaching & prayer meeting in the evening Mother you now I do prise such a privelege as that & to day I have bin intruding up on the Sabbath day I have bin off after stone to build a fire place in my tent I trust that God will pardon me in doing it dont you Mother. I have got me a good tent to sleep & to work in I expect in a few days to have a little stove to put in it I think that will be nice I do not have much work to do it will be four weeks next Thursday since I was detail in the amblicance core then they will owe me 12 Dollars extry pay. I think I will get it prety soon & I do expect my other pay soon probly will get it next week I hope so You said that Sam Huntley would take my money I am glad of that I have got to send twenty Dollars of my month wages home because I have sind the lotment role to send it at Jamestown before I left there I have it sent to Father & he can get the money on it most aney where & then you can let Sam have it if you dont want to use aney of it. if you want use aney use it. Ed said in this letter he thought he would come down here in a short time I wish he would & see me he thought he would come after New Yeare I think that he mite come down here. some thinks that we are goin to stay here all winter but dont now you wanted to now if sleep warm I have two woolen blanket & one ruber blanket three pair of drawers two shirts & two pairs of socks you spolk about sending me something if I wanted it I would like to have a blanket if we go into winter quarter Ed said that he wanted to send me some dried fruit by Tom Morse when he come back to the Regiment but did not now when he would come back I got some dried baries that ____ sent me I got a letter from from Charley the other day he said he wold try & come up & see me if he could I shall try to go to the city soon I have not herd from Jule yet but expect to soon I would like to have a pair or two of socks because the socks we draw are not good fore anething much you can do as you like sending me things I was sorry to hear that mate health was so poor & Mrs Brewster give my respects to hur family tell mate to write to me now mother I think I have given you bout all of the news so will draw this to a close the rumor is that we march in a day so now mother dont worry about me I will try to get my likeness taken for Merie soon as I can Mother write as soon as you get this to let me now whether Ed is

[Edward Shults, December 7, 1862, continued]

comming down or not it is getting late so I will close by tell billey to be a good boy & I will bring him something nice give my love to all & believe me as your Son Ed. Shults Head Saddler, To his Dear perants at home

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