

Jamestown the _2 1362

My Dear and loving Wife I take this oportunity to write a few lines to you Saying I am well at preasant We received orders last nite to have three days rations and March to Washington But I Dont think Hardly we shall start tomorrow there is so many men out Coon (?) was seen up to the lake they say he is going to Caniday But I guess he Will miss it the Cornel said all that was not in By nine o clock to night Would be taken as deserters 40 or 50 run the gard last nite a bout 10 o clock the gard ~~was~~ Hause Was Burnt to ashes I was in my Bunk I suppose they had a gay time But we have got to suffer for it the Boys even like rats and mice I am sorry for it I think it is hard to suffer for the Conduct of others but it is so I wish the men was praying men their would be no sick _fulde I wish they was all praying men But it is not so you went and left the key I felt bad about it But I Will send it to you to morrow in a letter I have not much news to rite at preasant I Wish I Was a good riter I would ___ I rite some ___ to you But I am a poor fatherless and motherless boy But I Will serve my country Well as I can now Wright all'a bout the children have they got along With ___ and How you got home I Was on Dröll When the Cares went out of Site You do think I felt I Did not fall I did feel Week But my family father Will do all things Well ther was a load of testaments Came for the Soldiers last nite I was glad to see them So I Will Send But one home to lillie and dont have words a Bout it let ___itty have lillies Will lest I will Send your preasants as often as I can now children remember what ___ Said to you when I left ___ Seek ___ Christ When you are young I mean all of you give your hart to Christ now one word to my loving Dear Such love is not found I do love Such love as not I will Stay for my felings is such that I cant rite so may Dear good buy good buy I Dont no as I can rite any more Before I go to Dixey When we stop we Will rite and let you no wher we are pleas go to millers to ___ if you can now I will close good buy good buy not ___ But toil ___ from you ___ rite rite rite is not ___ I mean rite to me and I rite ___ as you Can you can ___ no more at preasant

good buy

Ira Wood

to his dear at home What more can I do for you

Jamestown 12th

my Dear Wife it is with pleasure that I Seat my Self to let you no that I am Beter and I hope thes few lines Will find you In joy the same Blessing if I can keep my Belly rite I guess I will come out all rite the news of ~~the~~ yesterday made the Boys feel verry chearful Some say we shall not leave the State But the Boys say they want to go South all feel eager to leave the news came hear last nite the Boys when they went through Baltimore there was six boys that our Boys say they want a chance at them they say we shall march next Week a tuesday Wee is ready to our part let What Will come I Will not go in my own ___ if I fall let me fall at my post last nite I bot a few ___ for you and send to you pleas take good care of them

___ and I ___ there is any sick I got sick I was so trembly that I cant rite When you get settled tell the children they must bee good Children and give their harts to the lord When young how much I think of you and them remember What the Savior said Suffer little children to come to me and forbid them not remember little ones your Father Dont forget you my ___ all the ___ when I am on Duty and off Duty I ___ I Write no more at preasant good By for this time rite rite

Ira Wood

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Jamestown August 12th 1862

Mrs Wood it is With pleasure that I take this opportunity to Send you a few lines last nite ther was 6 Boys sick they said it was Bad Coffey Now How Do you get along Wright me as many letters as I do Wright how nasty stinking thing is How the old friend is Bee very mild with him I Hope to meet you all again Some time when god only noes But Wee _____ Will leave that in the hands of the lord in him Wee live I have some lonsom hours when I think of _____ Was my god Bring it to a close then Wee Will _____ When you Write pleas rite plain as you can no more at preasant my love to you and the children

Ira Wood

Jamestown Chautque Co Aug the 20 1862

Miss Wood I take this opportunity to write a few lines now
of gard _____ In the gardhouse last nite I feel that I
must improve my time or I go along ther is all kinds of Deavil-
try going on as I speak of the gardhouse I dont want you to
think I was in this House I have wrot you two letters and
recieved no won I ask no more from you I say pleas write I
~~sent~~ sent to the Sitty last nite for a leter felt Bad that I
got none I would write more if I could tho tell me that we
must march next tuesday I hope that I can see you again Before
We march you cant tell my ~~best~~ feelings I must bring my leter
to a close good by until we meet again _____ Wood Dewitt Wood
mary Wood kiss the nasty thing for me I wish you could be
hear next Sunday preaching half past ten o clock the _____
of Jamestown was _____ if you can read this you Will do Well
Beter than I can Hester Ann How I think of you Dont forget
to pray for me I feel that you do read your Bible I _____
in the night and my thoughts ar on you _____ to me But
through god Wee Will _____ pleas write very plain So
I can read it

Direct your leter to Jamestown

Chautque C.

Jamestown Chautqua Co. August 22

My Dear Wife I take this oportunity to Wright a few lines to you I am Well at presant I have Wrot you three letters and received non I sent a letter by ___ king Doo Wright me a leter I want to hear from you all the children I want to hear from Father and Mother How they air geting along mister morrel Was hear last Sunday he said he was going to the river and would try to sell my horse I want you to get that money from Bratford (?) ___ five Dollars Seven Dollars and forty two cents and take care of it I have not got any Bounty yet When I donot no if I cant come home I want you to come out hear and see fit old Cate with ___ out I wish I was a good Writer I would Wright more But life is the time to improve there is great need of my Being Diligent I expect you will pray ~~for~~ for me. When you retire and when you rise in the morning the playse of the righteous ___ much I feel that I have your prarers it is good to have ___ Have our feelings Staid on him He cars for us forgive all mistakes all ___ at presant my mid is very emty from yours ___ was they ___ all i have is a ___ on my lap it ___ hard and it is getting Darke So i Will sine my name

Ira Wood

to Mrs "Ann" Wood

Adress your letters to
Ira Wood Jamestown
Chataque County N. Y.
Care of Cpt. B L Saxton

Deacon cady just came hear I was glad to see him No more at presant Ira Wood

August 31 1862

Jamestown my Dear Wife it is with pleasure that I seat myself to inform you that I am well and I hope these few lines will find you enjoying the same blessing I doubt not now whether I can come home or not. Mrs Gates and Henry Gates was here last Sunday and Asa Fuller and wife We had a very good meeting a very sermon and We are going to a fear meeting at 4 o'clock it is now 3. I must be in a hurry it will be free I one man was out in the guard House last night He got to sleep on his post I hope that I will not so or to get this Mister Bisbee in letter he went on guard this morning I do not now whether I can come home or not I will try this week will try and get a furlough and come home and see you How I do think of you I feel that I have your friends remember me at a throne of grace I like to hear your Wright and let me know how you are getting along the children is getting along Mary the norty ___ ting is getting along Kiss her for me Dewitt I love y Bee a good Boy pa will come and see you if I can Elisa Ann will be a good girl What a wicked war all looks dark at present O that this wicked war will come to an end and we can meet again I got twenty five Dollars last Saturday and sent it by uncle Hardy Finch to Uncle Silas Miller. Mister Finch will get his note and let you have it I expect my pay next week and I will send it home to you now take good care of it for now no more at present ___ look are my ___ cat in a great hurry meeting time at 4 o'clock Wright to me How the childrens getting along Would like to kiss Miss Wood again tell me what Dewitt and Mary said about their present. Kiss them all for me Wright about the news So good Buy at present Ira Wood to Miss Ann Wood Ann

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Jamestown Sep 2 1862

My Dear and loving Wife I received your letter this morning and was glad to hear from you it is Cold Writing out doors With my over coat on it is verry cold her you wrote that the cattle had distroyed mi Wheat now tell me who they ar and they must pay the damage _____ or _____ I supose I Will Send this Buy mister Stevens he is her now I want you to find out hoes Cattle they was and they must pay the Damage I am so Cold I cant Write the Wind Bloes so I Will come home if I can I received 25 Dollars last friday and sent it by uncle Hardy Finch to Mister Miller I will send more next Weak they say we Will get our pay in full What I send to uncle Miller do not meddle with it keep that for me untill I come home old Cate is a dirty old thing for getting in the Corn I feel that I must come home before I go ~~to~~ South I am glad that I am What I ~~think~~ am I think the lord is good to me now Wife rite to me verry often Dewitt and mary I love it is so cold I cant Wright

~~and~~ Good Buy

Ira Wood

Jamestown September the 3 1862

my Dear and respected Wife I am Beter than I was When I rote
my leter I have the Camp Distemper But I am now Beter not
much to Wright now my Dear Wife I think much about you I
~~the~~ think of you when your at your chores I wish I could Bee
there to help you But god noes Rest What is Best I am glad
that I am under his care in him _____ put their trust he
Will do all things Well it is verry cold this morning Just
af Drill it Will be Warm when the sun gets up I am sorry
that the cattle did distroy my wheat But _____ is perhaps
Wright there is a little prospect that I will come home
once more We expect more money to day and if I get it i will
come and bring it the man that owns the cattle that destroyed
my wheat must pay the damage Bislee and I is Weight my rite
out _____ on a J Bardgerters _____ is sick this morning But I
guess he Will Bee Beter a lad cold now Wife tell me how the
children is lillie and mary and Dewitt tell dewitt that I want
to kiss him I hope he will Bee a good Boy and mind his ma Doo
the chores Well you must I Do think about you children I
leave them in the hands of the lord the care of them my
family to all to me that Binds me to Love (?) I must bring
my letter to a close by leaving you in the Hands of the
lord I think of the Som ninty first line the first _____ is
aney for me now good buy

Ira Wood

Jamestown Sep 6 (?) 1862

my Dear and Loving Wife Just wrot a leter to ___ and I
thought I would Wright a few lines to you they say we shall
draw our pay next Week 25 dollars When I Will get mi ___
___ Says he will go ther next ~~Week~~ Week and he Will
bring it to me he Says I will get 40 H Dollars Soldier Will
get to march when I think of you I think of all you ar all
to me may the Lord keep you in his care the 91st ___ is ___
for one the first ___ is any ___ I Do Want to see you and
the children I am Im H___ and a poor place to Wright So much
___ and smoking around now my Dear Wife I was glad to get a
leter from you that I was a Christian I feel the nead of a
friend When I red your leter it ___ praying for me I
Will read the rest get the water out of my eyes I my mind
is asleep Wesley is her and I will send it with him ___
in a ___ good Boy may the lord keep I you to meat me
at Wright hand of god theres to go ___ out ___ prays
for me that his grace Will Bee anuff for me I have many
trials to ___ I think much a bout my Lord When I get time
I will read your leter When the Water gets out of my eyes
no more at preasant good bey not forever

Ira Wood

Jamestown 21 ___ 1862

My daer wife it with pleasure that I seat myself to let you as I am well and hope these few lines will find you injoying the Same blessing. James Congding is hear and I will send a few lines to you We had a good sermon today the text was first Corinthane the 16 chapter and 13 vers pleas read it We eat in a hurry James is waiting for me they say We must start next Wenesday Now that will Bee I dont no I sent two Delers Bey Georg Holdrige this morning last nite I was on gard and I am tiard and sleepy You must excuse my leter When I get time I will rite more to you Dont forget to pray for me I feal that you do pray for me that I was a good christian and cood feel that was Well I was glad to hear that ___ up good courage if I was a good riter I would rite more news to you But I will do Beter next time Im in a hurry another meeting at three o clock. Ed Hildreth I saw led to gard house last nite tride to run the gard I do not tell if it hurt him. must bring my leter to a close my pen is S___ I cant Wright and I ___ that is enuff all confuston no more at preasent make such bad work off ___ my penn cutes the paper So ___ good Dey. rite rite rite pleas rite plain so I can read it Iff you can come I wish you could and see me When I am on gard I think of you. Wright as soon as you get this no more

Ira Wood

Jamestown Sept 23 1862

my Dear Wife it is with pleasure that I Seat my Self to let you no that I am Well at preasant I Hope theas few lines Will find you Injoying the Same blessing monday we was _____ and we expect our pay to day if we Dont go this morn I want you to come and see me Before I go to the South and get my money if you can the Boys that went are 8 miles from Richmond We want to go to Elder Laing(?) told me he was a giông With us he told me this morning he Would stay with the Boys in every trouble you want to _____ much the Heifers pretty(?) ar you going to sell has she worth 12 dollars Can you _____ or not I feel that I hant done any Duty religious things as I should But By the yearse or good I will by to pray for myself and I expect you will pray give my children good advice tell them that I will not forget them _____ Dont forget that _____ Says to you my Dear Hester Ann Wood I feel that the lord is good to me if i put my trust in; him he Will Bee my Helpe in trouble they call for me to come and Sine the pay roll and I must say no more at preasant I shall look for you out here Be fore I go no more at preasant good buy rite rite to me

Ira Wood

Washington D. C. october 2 1862

my Dear Wife it ~~is~~ With pleasure that I take this oportun-
ity of Sending a few lines to let you no How i get along I
am Inn Washington about ten o clock I Was in this Sitty We
left Baltimore last nite I am tired out almost three nites
Without sleep Being _____ through like Dogas you need not won-
der that I am tired When I get ~~a~~ Some rest I will rite more
about things hear all things in Baltimore Was rite the union
_____ was soldiering _____ the Sitty But I must close they say
Wee have got to march 4 miles to nite and I must close now
Dear Wife I want you to rite to me and not forget to pray for
me and I will not forget you Two days and 3 nites without
sleep and I will send you something when I get a chance I
cant tell you all I Have Seen einse last monday at Jamestown
I cant tell I will say no more at preasant the Drums beat so
I cant rite the old npsack rolls so I cant rite the Captain
says we must be redy In 5 minutes the Boys say What Shall we
through a Way our lod is So heavy that we cant carry them
When I get rested I will send you a few lines again Bisbee
and I riteing rite Side^{und} on the napsack the opposite Dans is
about fifty rods from this I will rite no more at preasant
good Bey good Bey until I hear from you again my love to
the children tell them that Bee good children and not forget
to remember your father in the War

Ira Wood

154th Regt N Y Volunt

Washington D. C.

Camp Seward regiment October the 2(?)
1862

my Dear Wire at home I seat my Selfe at let you no that I am
Well at preasant and I hope theas few lines Will find you In-
joying the Same feeling my Dear I eat your allter (?) yester-
day I do want to hear from you much I saw Jefferson Davis(?)
this morning and he said he was tuf and harty and Was going to
join his regiment near I am riting on my nee Flore that is the
Dust is so Deap and thick I am tired I cant stay I must get
ready to Drill the Bugle near Bloss it is now 10 o clock Wednes-
day I don my Washing yesterday and I now have got through
drill and I have gone out to a negro house to rite the rest
of my leter if you can read this you will do Well I cant
rite on my nees verry I tremble So I am So Warne with my
Coat of and my Sleeves all roid up

Harmon Fisner was sick last night but he is Beter this morn-
ing now my Dear Companion I want you to rite to me and let me
no How you are geting a long and How Father and motner is geting
along and all the rest of the p others are getting along rite
all the news you can rite to Washington D C 154 they will
come to me mister Bisbee I rote the Direction to Miss Bisbee
so that you could rite to me Do rite to me and you Will get
as many to me now my Dear Wife Do pray for me I believe you
do the Lord can hear you as well although many miles apart
god is a _____ answering god and a pleasant help in evry time
of trouble the _____ is In my _____ Same this morning But I
guess I snall Bee Beter When I get seasond to it no more at
preasant pleas rite me I will do the same to you When I get
home You snall I act when I ~~write~~ claspe you in my ~~own~~ Armes
good bey

Ira Wood

Ira to his love in the north

October the 11 1862

my Dear Wife at home I the this oportunity to rite a few lines to you I have roat three leters to you and received none I am some Beter this morning I have had the Camp Distemper We got marching orders last nite to go to fairfax courthouse I think we shall go tomorrow if you have not got my directions I guess you can tell W_____ to rite to me their is others that rite home from the same regiment and the same Company So you can tell _____ to rite to me if you ritr to washington I suppose they will come to me I will rite to you if I cant get any letter frome you I do want to hear from home verry much I think of you when I li down on the ground at nite it rains now I am siting on my neas in my little tent When you will get this letter from me But I will send it to you when I stay I am in sight of the potomac river and the Capatel I can see the Boates on the river I hear the Rooming of the cannon evry day their is some Boys that is sick of it one told me that he would give 100 dollars to Bee at home But I told him that he must not feel So far he could not go home their is no way to get away there is a greate manny sick in the camp With the Camp distemper it runs them down verry fast But I will say no more a Bout that a Word to my little ones at Home o Dear children Do not forget your pa in the war and I will not forget you at home how much I think of you at home But I must not think so much I was on gard this morning but I was not able to Do Duty So I thought I would rite a few lines to my Dear Wife in Cattaraugus I guess I will be better tomorrow or next day pleas rite and let me no how you get along and How father and mother is geting along I cant forget the loved ones at home I guess we shall fel beter When we have a fite with the rebels now Hester Ann Wood Dont forget me at the sane of grace you can pray in faith that I may come home and see you again the lord Will hear you if you ask him rite He will bring me home to Clasp you again in mi armes But if it not fore me it Will Be rite I believe you do pray fore me fore you do like pray I Dont Want you should think Hard of me for asking you to pray for me if anny body Wantes the prares of Christians people it is the Soldiers at keep him from Dangers I hope I shall be able to do my duty in evry place if the officers would let us go we Would Dough the work fore the rebel and come home now I will say no more a preasant god bey from your husband in the South

Ira Wood

fairfax virginna october 13 1862

my Dear and loving Wife it is with pleasure that I take this opportunity of talking With you Buy penn I have had the camp Distemper now 5 days But I am beter this morning We started Sunday morning for fairfax We got through to fairfax a monday at 11 o clock my napsack was verry Heavey I throod my Shoes a Way and I expect to throw a Way more We camed 4 miles from fairfax the nite was rainey and wet but I had Strength to get ___ I had reason to be thankful for I feel that the lord is verry good to me and I have reason to rejoice in the lord I have reason love the lord With all my Hart and With all my Strength my Strength fills ___ I think of this Wicked Ware O that I could get on Word from you I have rote 4 or 5 letters to you and got none How do you think I feel when I rite the tears fall from my eyes But I will say no more about it an any way to fairfax I saw 9 rebels prisoners with a body gard of horsman they had a nuff Some barfoot Some had no hats they looked H ard enuff no more about that if I was at home I could tell you more than I can rite I am sitting @ on my nee in my little tent We are in Segal Corpes Segal wants 30 thousan men and he is ready for the rebels at Sentervill about 7 miles from hear now the rain begin to fall it is a little colder this morning if I could rite as Well as I could talk I Would tell you a greate Deal But I will tell more when I get home now my Dear Wife I have sent 5 letters to you and have not got none from you What is the mater are you sick or not If that is the mater tell the children they must be good to ma tell Dewitt and Mary they must be good children and tekl lillie I cant forget her at Salamanca Bee of good Courage pa will do as well as he can Dewitt my feelings go after you Bee a good boy and pa will bring you something When he comeshome Do all you can to help ma to do the chores take care of old cate and the cattle and the calves and the ___ I saw the Bay that ___ for ___ B and I saw Mr. Barker from Napoli ___ Domand told me we should Bite Dust before long Well Bee that as it may I shall try to ___ my Duty and leave the ___ the lord if I can have my health that is all to me good buy for this time now I will send you the direction to you and I send them to you before But I dont get any answer from you now I will send them to you again now my Dear Wife you pleas to write to me I will pleas you I no you hant forgot me yet good Buy this time pleas rite plain as I can read it good buy for this time

Ira Wood
until death

fairfax virginna october the 15 1862

my Dear mother I take this oportunity of riting a few lines to you Buy Way of the pencil mother How much I Do think a Bout you and father and all the rest of the friends at home grand-mother is getting along and grandfather is I am not verry well at preasant the Camp Distemper going verry Hard With the Boys at preasant Mother if I could see you I could tell you a good deal more than I can rite I am one mile from fairfax in a little fly tent rite on my Belly riting a few lines to you mother I have sent five letters to my Dear Wife and got no answers what is the trouble I sent the Directions in my two last letters Has she forgot me no I cant believe that yet there is some trouble about it is She Sick or not Mother will you pleas rite to me and let me no How all things is getting at home you Dont no How glad I would Bee to hear from my Dear family tell me how the children get along I cant _____ one word from them the other Boys get leters from home But I Donte hear one word from them I read an old letter she sent me at Jamestown that is getting some old it would Bee Beter than gold or Silver to me But I cant ~~hear~~ hear _____ I leave them in the hands of the lord he will Do all things well mother rite tell me what prospect is about the war I ask myself the question shall I ever see loved ones at home again I guess I shall then all again I am tired and I will stop and rest and finish the rest tomorrow I see Edward Tirdel last nite he looked verry Black he said he was going home in a few days when the Cornel sined his papers I guess it will take more than Cornel to let him go home But I dont no I am glad that I can do Something for my country hear if the rheumatism dont get hold of me I and the Camp Distemper dont keep me down I shall do well We had orders to march to Sentervill yesterday but it was counermanded how long we shall stay here We dont know they think We shall have a fite Before long some plass We dont no how it Will be But makes let that Bee as it will be I will stand at my post if I fall let me fall at my post But that is all in eternity I will try to Do my Duty in every place I can no more at preasant I am tired and will rest ne and than I will finish it Thursday morning the 16 now mother I will rite a few lines more to you I saw mister loop(?) last night and had Some visit with him and _____ ard Tisdell they _____ last nite W_____ was seeing mister Crosby _____ me a leter from home Now glad I was to hear from home it was beter than gold or Silver to me pleas direct your letters to Washington D.C. in cair of Capt. B. L. Saxton Co. A 154 reg N Y voles good buy mother for one week and then I expect to read a leter from you fairwell for that time

Ira Wood hand to his friend
at home

to miss ann I love I love no ___ can tell But the one I love
Saved I great in Heaven

fairfax virginna the 21 1862

my Dear Wife at home in the north it is with pleasure that I
seat myself to let you no How I am geting along I am beter than
I Was When I last roat But I am So that I can Do Duty the camp
Distemper ___ me 9 days and then was beter for two days and then
it came on again I am troubled with it more or less all the time
But I guess I Will Bee tuff if I Dont Dey o tufinning But a nuff
a Bout that I Have got two leters from you and I Was gñad to hear
from you How much I Do Dough read your leter it is Beter than
gold and Silver to me now I will tell you something about a Boy
Was taken With the Camp Distemper and last nite he was taken in
a fit and Died a bout 4 o clock in the after noon I saw him about
ten minutes before he died and How I Did pitty him he ___
from the time he was taked until he Died he Was in great pain
he lives in Machias his name is John miers in Company I in our
regment Death has Began its labors in our ranke How Will Bee
the next one the lord only noes now I have ~~bin~~ bin on Batallion
Drill and I am tiard But I Will try to rite a few more Wordes to
you my belly troubles me So much it troubles me to Drill But I
Will never flinch from my Duty as long as I can go I am under
pay from the government and I will Do my Duty as long as I can
the rheumatism troubles me Some in my neas and hipes and back
you ast me some questions How I get along What we have to eat
Well I will tell you some about it We have hard tax half of the
time and coffee twice a day Soft Bread once a day no tea Ira
Ceatch and Bisbee Do the cucking for the company But I would not
Dough the cucking for twenty Dollars a month the Curses and
Swearing it is a nuff to make the Blood run cold in my vains
But no more about that We expect to go on to Sentervill evry
day we Dont no We are liable to march any moment I shall rite
to you as often as I can and I guess you will Do the same to me
I no you Will I Would like a few stamps I cant get them hear
I have got money anuff But that dont Do any good I have got \$16
and Seaventy cents So you See I Dont Spend my money Some things
I would like to have Bisbee boght a half pound of tea and I help
him to drink it and then I Will Buy some to We go sneek in tea
the coffee But I am ___ from it you wanted to no about traiding
the heifer for the old cow of fathers I Dont Want you to traid
for so old a Cow if you can get a heifer for ___ By a ___ little
___ a yong Creature is Worth more than a old one now if you can
geta heifer that is coming in the spring Will Be Beter for you
if Ira Was hear he Would do it for you Dont Blush When you read
my leter if I was with you I Would explain myself you no I would
I Would like to kiss you rite on your ~~cheek~~ Cheak But it is not
for me I can kiss your portrat But that aint rite on your cheak
now I must bring my leter to a close if you can read this you
Will Do Well roat rite on a stump I rite on my napsack and the
Wind so hard that I cant rite So I Will Stop now Dear Write rite
good Del tell the children I love them tell the Catts I will rite
later to her no more at preasant good Buy

Ira Wood to Miss Ann Wood

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Fairfax, Virginia, October 23, 1862

My dear Wife I now take my pen to let you no how I am geting along. I am Well at preasant and I hope theas few lines Will find you injoying the same Blessing I have received two leters from you if you twce roat I hant got them if you will rite as many leters as I do I will Bee Satisfied if you Dont you will hear a nois around your ears but enuff about that Bisbee just came in and I was rite on my belly a riteing he is a cook yet it is a hard place for anyone to Bee he is well at preasant mister Bryant went to the Hospital to day and I went with him We Will take cair of him ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ I don no I Went and see the captain about him he said he would see and left me I Went ^{ona} don all I could for him now just came from scernishing Drill a little tiard but I Will try to rite a few lines more to you I saw mister Parker to day and was glad to see him he told me that he saw Lillie Wood a week ago I said to him why dident you Bring her hear he said it was no place for her I guess he was write about that I do want to see you But I cant at preasant I hope the time will soon come and when I can join you all aroun my own iriends But that god noes But I can have my health I will serve my cuntry Well I hant mist but one roll call since I have Bin in the South today makes four days since we now got a mail I guess they will come soon and I shall have a good time in reding yore leters this must Bee no less than 4 leters on the way to me from my Dear Wife in the north You said you hadnt much money dont suffer for anny thing you no I told you not to take any money from Mister Miller. Well I guess if pay day comes as soon as they say you will not suffer much if the cows do well they will help you much if my money is earnt hard I dont Want to suffer for anny thing I no if I was thair you would not suffer if you can milk 4 cows next summer I think they will almost support you and your little ones. Ira wont be there to draw the cream of the milk the nites is cold I dread the nites wors than all the rest of my labor day or nite We dont no what thair the long roll Will sound and than all will start now it is Dress praid time and I must go and see Cally Bryant up to the elders laing tent now it seaven oclock and am alone in my little tent You my want to no about my tent it is about as big as to sheates drawed over a pole and peged down at each side and both ends open so you see we ~~xxxxxxxx~~ haft to croll in on air hands and feet so you see we have a splendid house to live in Dont you wish you was hear With me. I guess you dont if you dont I am glad of it, I dont Want annyone to no When I get I will tell you about it no more about that now my Dear Wife you keep up good courage and I will dough the same to you ~~no~~ no my request Dont you that is remember me when you kneel down and when you pray I no you will no more this time so good Bey from your unworthy husband in the War

Ira Wood

fairfax virginna Octber (24 1862)

my Dear Wife at home in the north I received your letter to nite
friday 24 and was so glad to hear from you and to hear that you
all was Well and Doing Well now in Coles Brislee(?) and he said
you at it again nic(?) said he I no you ar home sick no Said I
fel beter than I have anny time since I left home said I to him
I must _____ my time and rite so that I can rite Beter I tnik I Do
some Beter than I did at Jamestown their ia need a nuf of it Well
I am Wiling to try I am in my little tent rite on my belly riting
it is a hard place to rite But you no that a Solsier Dont Have all
the things to do With Well anuffr about that georg Waterman has
got the typhoid fever Harmon F is Beter he had the camp distemper
I saw him today tell uncle William not to forget the promise he
maid me to Jamestown the last time I saw him he Will no What that
is now it is time to call the roll and I must stay now my dear
Wife it is Saturday and I will try to rite a few more lines to you
I have got money if you Want I dont Want you to Suffer for anny
thing at home you told me that you had not got much money Well
I think I can send you some when pay day comes and before if you
need it I no you do miss Ira but you must put the best foot for-
ward and when I think of that Sam 91 I think all will be rite When
nite comes I look up to heaven for his blessing to keep you ~~and~~
and my little ones safe through and bring me to you again I cant
tell you much about the war at preasant When I get so I can rite
beter I Will tell you more When or Where we shall go I dont no it
may bee We shall start at any minit they say we will go to Senter-
vill But we dont no When general Segal calls we shall start now
it is Sunday morning and it rains if I could see you I could tell
you a good deal more than I can rite now my Dear companion I am
glad I can talk with you although manny a miles apart it is your
prares that Sustains me in Verginna altho many Hundreds a part the
same god can hear prar and answer I no when you pray I feel the
Influence of it on my poor Hart When I think of the time When you
go to retire I think you ar on your nees for me I dont expect
sick calls in my Behalf I no you will not _____ up your little ones
in the nurter and ~~an~~ admton of the lord and they will prae a Bles-
sing to you and me Dewitt Wood my Dear Son and child What shall pa
say to you Bee a good Boy ~~and~~ and I will bring you something
read your Bible help your ma to do the chores ma says you are a
good Boy O How glad I Bee to hear that for you now I will try to
rite a little more to you it is Saturday morning and all things look
Well at preasant now you must keep up good Courag your prares Will
bring me home to you again I no it Will the lord is go to he keeps
me from all harm and if I put my trust in him I shall Bee all Wright
While I Wright thear comes the tears rlo you no my mind is easy
caught on now ann dont ponder over thos things But look up there is
Beter days a coming & I guess I tne war will not last more then
one year longer now I must stop it raines and I must make myself
comfortable as I can So good bey for this time I remain your
husband until death

Ira Wood

27 1862
october

monday fairfax virginna

my dear wife is has stopt raining and shant tell you
what a time We had last nite and today the rain pord
down in torants and the lord cept me safe through and
I feel thankful to him I shall write more this week
I Want 2 leters from you a week no more at preasant
So good buy

Ira Wood to Ann Wood his Dear inn the north

Ira Wood

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Fairfax Virginia

november the 1 1862

My Dear Wife at home in the north I just got your leter this morning and I was glad to hear from you and the children and was glad to hear you was doing well I got 5 postage Stamps from you and I Will pay you in a few days We Sined the pay roll to day the first day of november they say we Shall get our money next week But I dont no I got the ginger and all you sent to me I guess I tahnk you for it and I Will pay you all Some ~~xx~~ time or eather now you Wanted to no about that trade you was about to make I think it would Bee beter for you to milk 4 coves next Summer I think it will Bee less care for you to Do the chores the Calves is little to Day more so than a older Creature you have got 3 calves now Do all you think Best and I shall be surprisde With now I shall tell you something about the Boys in our regiment now I will tell you I cant tell about the boys fore I have got something more to do I was ordered to fall in to draw forty rounds of Caterages and Bee ready to march tomorrow morning at half past 8 o clock in the morning We can hear the cannon roar at a Distant What is a head I dont no but can guess today is the first day of November to morrow is sunday and ^{no} that is the day that our arney marches But it is Wright to Dough so the hole arney is in great motin What a few days will tell the lord only noes But he will do all things well the arm of flesh is to short I sent you one leter to day and Writen a nother today How glad I Be to hear from you So often and so glad to Hear that the children is Well and doing Well O that I could see my little ones once more But all our Hopes are ___ in Etrenity now I perhaps can tell you more in a few days but I cant tell no more about it now than you can I wish they would cut all the union army loos at once and I guess they would Dough something Now miss ann Wood you no mi respect Dont forget me at a throne of grace your prares do reach me Altho many miles aPart the Same god can hear a answer you as well as tho I was at a home So dont think Hard of me Becaus I ask you this faver I expect it in almost evry leter i no you will grant me all I ask ~~you~~ of you that is reasonable I no When you ar on your nees for me I feel it in my por Hart at about half past Eight o clock in the evening our roll call is at nine o clock at nite I got a leter from mother last Week and it was almost as good as one from home it told all about you now I must stop for this time Calley Bryant Says he thank you for your kind leter that you sent him and Says he will Wright some to you Same at this time it is geting dark and I must Stop So good Buy for this time forget me not forget me not until yonder Son goes down to rise no more I love you I love you so no thing can Tell So I will stop and good Buy

Ira Wood to miss ann Wood

thoroufare gap Virginia

My Dear Wife at home in the north I am in the land of the living and in the land ____ I am well as usual and we were ordered to march with 10 days rations and three days rations to follow with the train and we have not got any yet. But the boys and I confiscated the first night plenty of beer. We killed ten head of cattle and the next we went out and got horses and geese and beehives and we saw rebels plenty there was 4 taken and brought in to our camp the boys have good times in the land of rebels I guess you will hear from us again some time the 154 and ____ Forth is making their march where they go if they will let them go they will do something for the rebels we are being still now for the present we expect to go on to battle soon we call ourselves ready to the man for them the boys went down to hay market a little place and found a house full with rebels napsacks and they plundered and got lots of clothing and pistols and larder and about anything that we wanted to use I could not carry my paper with me but I have got a plenty of rebel paper to write on and I will send you a rebel postage stamp to you ____ in ____ Say you can see all I ____ wish you could see the place near we could not take our napsacks with us we left all to Fairfax but one pair of stockings two shirts on my back and my blanket and ____ coat and tent and it made a load to it is now Wednesday morning at ____ o'clock and it is pleasant as summer here cold nights last night was frosty and cold I would like to have you send me the ____ times if you can now I must stay for ____ pett(?) is going to Washington this morning and I want to send it by him I want you to write twice a week and I will try to answer as many as you write to me I have got a watch worth 15 dollars and I want to send it to you to keep is any one to be drafted in Little Valley tell S Deafer to not forget Ira Wood for he is ____ to pay him for his ____ to me So good buy for this time

Ira Wood to Ann Wood

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thoroughfare gap Virginia

november the 13 1862

my Dear and respected friends at home in the north I recieved your kind leter this Weak and was glad to hear that you Was Well and Doing Well I am quite Well at preasant there is quite a number of the Boys Sick Some hant had ther ___ at them yet But I told them ther team would come this morning now ___ roll call evry hour in a day for 3 days three days anny man that Want ther to answer to his name is punished he is put on gard twelve hours and has got to carry a napsack loded Down with Stone and Carry two guns Dont you think we have got some good officers ~~_____~~ hear the Captain said General Headquarters But I dont no how that I dont complain if ___ get Lame I Will tell you more than I can rite Calley Bryant is well at preasant and he Bunkes with me I wish you could put your hand rite on my Back Some nite I guess it help me no more about that I cant rite today a tall I Dont think you can read one half of it my nees So I Will try and Do Beter now I Will try to rite a few more lines to you But saying to you I hant got any mind of my own I guess I am old madish I cant tell you much news at preasant to Write tomhapson Was drunk this morning how he got it I dont no But the por Soldiers cant get a drop the officers keep it to run to when they want it a little would be good for me if I could get it But I cant so I shall haft to be satisfide if I could have some from home I would be glad but that cant bee so I Will say no more about that But if I could ___ some of old Spotts milk and Buter I Would bee glad But I am a great way from you and I cant get the comforts of life that I have left but I am glad that left you with anuff to get along with now take your comfort What Ira Wood has got for you I no you will be prudent dont think becaus I ant there to eat with you Dont starve yourself because I ant there to eat with you now you wanted to no about my Slead tell Bill godding my Sled is stord in my Barn and I want it to stay there ___ I come home you ask Bill if I thought When I got hold of a piece of how it would make my ___ stand I would kill ___ I guess that will Do this time for Bill I want you to rite to me how the cows and old Cate and the heifer and the calves get along is old Cate fat yet I guess she is now Dont forget to rite how you and the children get along how Dewitt ___ get along how Dile getes along and the Cattle are and Dont forget to tell me how miss ann is geting along and how miss Brainard is geting that Stayes with you O how I wish I could see you all But I cant at preasant But I hope the time will soon come when I can Seat myself in my own house I Dont no when that will if it wrnt for hope the hart would brake How is mother and father and get along how is granma tell mother I want to see her and Set down to ~~_____~~ her ~~_____~~ table and eat with her now my dear Wife a word to you I no have got a greate deal to do and on your mind but you must put your trust in god and all Will be rite I think you do I feel it is all that keepes me to this Day the lord is able to do all things Well evry nite Before I go to Bed I fel the same influence that I have Before you may want to no I Will tell you it is the Spirit of god I fel it more at some time than others I suppose some of the time you take more

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faith than at other times So I ask you to pray in the faith
and it shall be don if you the lord to bring me home he Will
Do it this is roat in a hurry and on one nee I make Bad Work
of it So I shall stop the rheumatism trouble me some I ast
~~the~~ docter day to give me something to cure them he said he
had got nothing for me now I Will close ~~by~~ Buy sinning my name
So good Buy until I hear from you again

Ira Wood to Ann Wood

Nov 23

Germantown White House Virginia

My Dear Wife at home I am in land of living but how long it
will be I no that you Dont no anything about a Soldiers life
I am sick but I am with the regment and like to Bee the rheu-
matism and liver complaint the I guess Dilee(?) arm is larger
than mine But al things Will Wash together far godd if you
pray to god in faith If you ever praid in faith not _____ let
it Bee more may the lord bring me home to my little family
once more all men is _____ to Dan sang(?) I no I have Dan
sang I never ought to gon to the War But I thought it to be my
Duty my health Will never go through the War I ant you to
rite if I cant

Ira Wood to Ann Wood

December 2, 1862

my dear wife at home in the north I am well and enjoying the fat of the land among the rebels in a land of Sesess the Boys get along all ~~the~~ the good things that we need to eat such as honey and turkeys henses hoges cattle and sheep and buter But I dont get much of it but if I ever get home I shall no how to pere it beter than ever When I went past Bullrun it was a site to see the horses and guns and many heades above the ground to see the distructeins of war to see half buried men some with their leges out of the ground some with their skull breaching around the road it ~~looked~~ looked mord But we must go on to fite the fo I was some tierd last ~~night~~ nite wee marched about ten miles I am in a little tent rite on my nees ariting to my dear wife and children, I want you to tell me how Dewitt and his _____ is geting and Mary and Lilli is geting along and how you get along you told me in your last leter you was never healthier than you are now god for that in the morning it snood a little today is more pleasant today is Saturday and I guess go soon to Warenton

that I could see home once more don think I would bee glad to get home once more But how that will Bee we don no But if wee live as we art to we shall meat around our fathers throne to meat to part no more the 91 first Salm does me good to read it I Want got the Salm but I can get a Bible of Sarthern to read some of the time if I dont come home next summer you must dough as well as you can I no you will Bee lonesome but you must put the best foot forward and do the best you can for yourself and the children Do try to bring Dewitt up as he should go I no he neades a father to look after him Bee kind to him When you correct him Soft words will do the Best watch him dont let him go to town to much _____ him and god bless him Dewitt remember what pa told you to Bee a good Boy help ma do the chores if I was to home I could rite beter than I can on my nees the Soldiers hapt do anny way to get along. now I have just bin and warmed my handes so I can rite more to you How does the calves do how does the cows get along old Cate and finly all of you you must miss the calves So you wont has them you hant got oates to give them So you must give them some crust of Bread to eat hocake I mean you said your potatoes was not dug I hope you will get them dug before Winter comes and if I dont wright to you as often you do and I will rite as often as I can I dont have the things to do with if I had a good table to rite on I would rite beter than I do now how is mother and father and grand-mother and grandfather getting along is theer anny drafting going on in New York Sate Wesley is getting beter he is at alexandra to the hospitle Harmon F is tuff as a Bear So you see it will cill some same as it will make tuff When you read this leter you will be a good whales to read pleas rite to me and I will answer to you.

Will the neighbors get your would I guess they will dont get discouraged I want you to see where my staphe and ring is I forgot to take them out one is under the barn and the other is rite down clost to back some I want you to See to it and take care of them is old Cate with fold I guess you can tell now how you got the heifer if you can trade Bey paying 5 dollars to Beat you will do well a How I want to see you all so Bad But I cant until my time is out give mi respect to all that wantes heare from me So I stop I am so cold I cant rite I guess we shall see ~~at~~ ricmond before long no more at preasant So good Bey for this time from your husband in the War to his dear Ann in the North I remain yours only friend and husband until death Ira Wood

to Ann Wood Ira Wood

(December 14, 1862)

Ira Wood Hospital in Washington

My dear wife at home I am the land of the living I am in hospittle in Washington But I am beter the feaver has most left me I go to my mess soon to eat I am ___rry what I don want you to worry about me I am beter of than I ever have bin I have been a long time sine I roat you a leter but I will try to rite my hand trembles But I will try to rite a few lines I dont want you to fell bad for me the rheumatism my back and sholders and hipes the feaver is in my leges sone I dont no how much I wold way but I guess I would raii short of a hundred I go to the mess soon to my meales I have godd cair and I shall gain in a few days get the feaver out of my hed dont fel bad for me I am so much beter of than I wuld ___ a ma___ in the regiment they tell me that Saxton has resind and gon home if so the boys will be glad for that many hate him.

I am tiard and I will try to rite the rheumatismx is bad in my back and hans don get along with the chores how is Hewitt get along and Mary and Lillie ___ good children How long I shall stay hear I dont no they say Mogorn to send ap a lot to a baltemore to make room for the wonded some came hear last nite.

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direct you letter to Carver Hospital Meridan Hill
Washington D. C. Ward 30

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Dauids Island United States Jeneral Hospital New York
Pavilon No 15

Dear Wire

I am at the hospital i left Washington on friday and got to this place on Sunday morning ~~at~~ 9 o clock the 21 i hope this Will rind all well it leaves me ~~at~~ Well as could be expected i can go to the mess room to my meales i get good care near and have a good bed clean and nise i have not got my pay yet but i expect it Within a month i cant to you my self for my hand is so nervos but i hope i can in a few days I got a friend to rite this and his nerves is most as bad as mine I must close so good by for this time

Direct to Davids Island Hospital New York Pavilion No. 15

P.S. this hospital is 18 miles up the north river from N. Y. City

Ira Wood to ann Wood pleas to me and let me no how you get along When my _____ and good buy for this time good Buy my Dear Wire rite to Ira Wood

December 24 1862

Dauids Island united States Hospitle pavillion 15

Dear and loving Wife at home it is a pleasure to rite to you I am in the land of the living the feaver is geting out of my limes and my head is geting Settled So I Will try to Send a few lines to you it has Bin a long time Since I heard from you I was taken first to fairfax and than to Washington I stayed in Washington one Week and then to new york I want to hear from you very much I Supose you send your leters to Washington I guess I shall get some pay next month last Week the snow was 4 inchs Deep in fairfax hear the ground Was White with snow the rheumatism is bad my back and hipes and Sholders is bad a nuff my head ahes now so I shall heft to stop my Dear Wife and children I hope to see you all some time last nite they gave me a engection that the Doctor wanted I should keep it in 15 minutes and I kepte it til the next morning my Bowles is very sore nothing but Blood and mater past me for to days I go to the mess room for my meales How long I shall stay hear I dont no I was miss~~ed~~ used So oblige to Do Duty as long as I could Captain Saxton had no more feeling than a _____ I shall look for a leter from you this week to morrow is cris-mas eat Drink and Bee merry for tomorrow We Dey So good buy for this time pleas Wright to me and I will rite to you So how the children get along mister bisbee 2 days from Washington we are separated

Ira Wood to ann Wood