

Fredricks burg Va

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Dear sister

I received your kind and welcome letter and was glad to hear from you & to hear that you are all well I am well at present and hope that these few lines will find you the same we are in camp 2 miles from Fredricks burg it was a nice place before the battle it contained 8000 inhabitants I have to go on picket 2 a week I come off yesterday we have to go in the morning rain or shine & stay till the next morning we can talk with the rebels a cross the river and some times we go a cross and trade papers with them they are freindly and they say that iff we will hang old Abe and Horace Greely they will hang Jeff. Davis & beaurigvad & that would end the war I wish that it would end I dont much care how you wanted to know iff I sufered for clothes and grub we have pleanty to wear and a nought to eat such as it is John Demon writes that he sees hard times I dont believe that he has seen as hard times as I have you may know weather we have seen hard times our rignent has got a bout a 160 fit for duty you wrote that sary wanted that I should write to her iff she will write to me I will answerit I am glad to hiar that she has left Thompsons you wrote that iff I wanted stamps that you would send some I have got pleanty now they are scarce hear we can git butter at the sulthers for 75 lb & cheese 50 cts sausage 50 cts cookies 10 for 25 cts onions 5 lb potatoes 5 cts lb appels 5 cts piece bread 15 cts loaf no more at presant excuse bad spelling and writing write as soon as you get this give my best respects to all

From your affectionate brother
E Conrad
to Mary E Conrad