

Near Fredericksburg VA Nov 21st 1862

Dear Mother

It is just one year today since I left home and I think I am seeing harder times than I ever saw before. We started from Warrenton last Munday in the rain and it has rained every day and night since. My clothes and blankets have been wet through all the time. It has not rained any now for about two hours and I have got partly dried. I am all out of Tobacco and money and no prospect of getting any more for a good while dont know what I shall do. Can you send me some dont think you can for I cant get any mail. Think I am pretty hard up dont you think so They say that we cant have any winter quarters yet a while. I think we could do just as well in good winter quarters as we can tramping around in the mud up to our knees. They say that McClellan was removed because he proposed going into winter quarters it may be all right but I cant see it, in that light. We have tramped back over the same road that we went up on last August. It would not be much of a wonder if we had to go back up there again and have another battle at bull run. As near as I can find out the rebs ocupied Warrenton the same day that we left. There was firing there shortly after we left and I presume they overtook our rear guard. Old Abraham has got his hands full and the quicker he makes a compromise the better it will be for him. You never can lick the buggers out. Thats a sure thing. If you can read this letter you can do a great deal better than I can, so I think I might as well stop here.

Your Aff Son

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