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Letter from Thomas Kirby (Richmond, Va.) to his
uncle and aunt, Daniel Thew and Betsey (Lobdell)
Thew, May 11, 1862

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Head quarters ^{2nd} Maine Brigade on the march
to Richmond V A May 11th 1862

Dear Uncle & Aunt
'Friends and Relations one and all I
take this opportunity to write you
a few lines to let you know
that I am on the land of the living
yet I am as well as common
and hope these few lines will find
you all the same

We left camp last Sunday for
the battle field at Williamsburgh
and we had a hard one of it
for it rained all day the day of
the fight we got close enough
so the balls whizzed over us so
I had a chance to try my grit
a little we are about thirty miles
from Richmond with about two hundred
and fifty thousand troops I think
if nothing happens I will take
leave with you the fourth of
July Aunt if you have a chance
to see my family I wish you

Would let me know ^{how} they are for I
have not heard from them since
I left home I have written to
them seven times but have not had
a letter from them I think it
strange that none of them writes to me
if you happen to see my family
I wish you would kiss Willey
for me tell him to take care of
Fed and his dog until I come
tell Sarah that if she has time
I should like to have her write
to me and let me know how she
gets along I sent her ten dollars
the other day and Mr Ayer forty
of my first four months pay we
shall get our pay again as soon as
we stop but I must close for it
is getting late excuse all mistakes for
have to write on the run give my love
to all the friends write as soon as
you get this direct to Theobalds
to Thomas H Kirby Co H 96 regiment
N Y S V
yours with respect to Aunt
Betsey from Thomas H Kirby a true soldier

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Mr.

Mr. Daniel Thew

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