

Head quarters <sup>2nd</sup> Maine Brigade on the above  
To Richmond V A May 11<sup>th</sup> 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 lost 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 <sup>how</sup> 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  
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yours with respect to Aunt  
Betsey from Thomas H Kirby a true soldier

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