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Camp Near Fredericksburg Va

June 8th 1863

Dear Margery

I embrace the present opportunity of dropping you a few lines to let you know how we are getting along we are at Fredericksburg and expecting a fight very soon we are in full view of the Enemy Camps but we are on our side of the River and they are on the other with the exception of some troops they have been crossing over on this side for several days how many are across we cant tell but they have a long picket line on this side but some think that they are moving away and that there will not be any fight here there is evidently something out but I cant tell what

Some think that they are withdrawing
and that Genl Lee will make a
forward move and will probably
go in to Maryland but it is all
conjecture it is impossible for
us to know what is going on here
until we receive orders.

The health is tolerable good at
this time. I have not heard from the
boys left at Pettingburg since we
left them. It may be when you
hear from me again that we will
be some distance from here.

The Seventeenth Regt has gone up the
River towards Culpeper they left
here before we got here. Some men
did not get to see any of the boys.
I think that we will go in that
direction in a few days if we
don't get a fight here.

I want to hear from you very much
I have not got a letter since I left
home and very crazy to hear from
you. Now I want you to write it
as soon as you get this and
direct your letters to Fredericksburg
Va 44th Miss Regt Cavalry Brigade
Give my best love to Mom and
Pap for I am afraid that they will
think hard of me for not coming
to see them the morning I left
give my respects to all my
friends and accept the Best
Respects and love of your husband
until he can see you for
a while

V. G. Clark