Fairfax Station Va August 3th 1863

Dear and respected Wife

I received your kind and welcom letters of the 26th and 28th both at the same time i am glad to hear that you ar bter i hope you will recover your health i am well and hope these few lines will find you the same i have heard a remmidy for your diseas it is raw tar put in a muslin cloth and applied to the spot as close in as you can it is said to be a certain cure we are in a nice place and likely to stay some time as our regament is skattered along the railroad we have plenty to do and do not have as good a chance to waite as you do i think i get all yowr letters i do try to let you know when we move and how we are fixed gen grant has not taken meads place but mead i crosed the rappahannock and is now fighting the rebs are geting the worst of it all the time we have not been in a fight yet and the weather

is verry warm but i do feel thankful to
god that we are not on the march i believe
the lord does protect us you need not troubbel
your self about loseing me for man is of but
few days and full of sorrow but my trust in
god is strong and if we do not meet on
earth wee will meet in heaven live faithful
and may the lord bless you all i would like
to have yours and the babys photagraphs and Johnnys
to mrs burnet will some home as soon as burnett
gets well he has got his mouth open 1/4 of an
inch he has had the lock Jaw bad capt
maclary has gone to the hospital to day
there is not so many sick as has been but
there is some yet Louis says he does not
care about Sarah Jane you may write as
long letters as you pleas for i love to read
them i want you to manage things at home
as you pleas for i do not know how you
are getting along you had better always
keep enough to kep you 2 months any
how if no more poey hopkins first if
any boddy there is some rebs here they

made a raid near Fairfax the other knight
and captured 27 sutlere waggons and
horses loaded with sutler stores and next
day our cavelry followed after them
and taken them back and a lot of prisoners
and horses i have been over the battel ground
of bull run and manasses Junction and
to warrington the destruction that war
produces shows its self every where i have
been in virginnia i believe our men will
take barleston and mead will destroy lees
army yet before it can get to richmond
the railroad follows the army and carrys
supplies to them you must make your
self contented and do the best you can write
often give my love to Johny and all my
friends i would like to see you all but
so it is till mother muncey i would
like to se her and the old man and all
the rest no more at present but still
remain your true and loving husband
untill death

Stephen. T. Buckson

Fairfax Station, Va., August 3, 1863.

Dear and respected wife:

I received your kind and welcome letters of the 26th and 28th both at the same time. I am glad to hear that you are better. I hope you will recover your health. I am well and hope these few lines will find you the same. I have heard a remedy for your disease. It is raw tar put in a muslin cloth and applied to the spot as close in as you can. It is said to be a certain cure. We are in a nice place and likely to stay sometime as our regiment is scattered along the railroad. We have plenty to do and do not have as good a chance to write as you do. I think I get all your letters. I do try to let you know when we move and how we are fixed. Gen. Grant has not taken Mead's place but Mead crossed the Rappahannock and is now fighting. The rebs are getting the worst of it all the time. We have not been in a fight yet and the weather is very warm but I do feel thankful to God that we are not on the march. I believe the Lord does protect us. You need not trouble yourself about losing me for man is of but few days and full of sorrow, but my trust in God is strong and if we do not meet on earth we will meet in Heaven. Live faithful and may the Lord bless you all. I would like to have yours and the baby's photograph and Johnny's too. Mrs. Burnet will come home as soon as Burnett gets well. He has got his mouth open 1/4 of an inch. He has had the lock jaw bad. Capt Maclary has gone to the hospital today. There is not so many sick as has been but there is some yet. Louis says he does not care about Sarah Jane. You may write as long letters as you please for I love to read them. I want you to manage things at home as you please, for I do not know how you are getting along. You had better always keep enough to keep you 2 months anyhow if no more. Pay Hopkins first if anybody. There is some rebs here they made a raid near Fairfax the other night and captured 27 (sutlere) wagons and horses loaded with (Butler)stores and next day our cavalry followed after them and taken them back and a lot of prisoners and horses. I have been over the battle ground of Bull run and Manasses Junction and to Warrington. The destruction that war produces shows itself everywhere I have been in Virginia. I believe our men will take Charleston and Mead will destroy Lee's army yet before it can get to Richmond. The rarilroad follows the army and carries supplies to them. You must make yourself contented and do the best you can. Write often. Give my love to Johnny and all my friends. I would like to see you all but so it is. Tell mother Muncey I would like to see her and the old man and all the rest. No more at present but will remain your true and loving husband until death,

Stephen T. Buckson.

Fairfax Station August 24th 1862

Dear wife i take this opertunity of informing you that i recieved your kind letter of the 16th and was glad to hear from you i am getting better i have been verry sick again i eat some stewed appels and they made me sick but i shall be more careful and i think i shall soon get well i have got a nice hospital tent to stay in and fixed up nice and we have plenty to eat you said i did not send as much money as you expected but it is well i kept as much as i did for i can by little things that i nead and it comes verry handy so there is good luck for good meaning peopel burnet is here now he came yesterday i do not expect you to come

here for it would cost to much and there is no convenince for women and you could do me but littel good only i could see you but you can write thank god for learning enough to write and the many blest institutions that we have enjoyed and as long as the lord gives me health and strength i intend to support them although it is a sacrafice to be parted from those we love yet it is bette than to let rebbels rule if we can but leave a free government to our children i am glad they have drafted so many rebs it will take some of their money but some of them will have to go denny Buck will not have to go they Drafted clay Yorkum i wish you to tell me if he is in the home guards if you write to pap

tel him all about me and that i
recieved his kind letter but have
been to unwell to answer it but
i will soon you say the baby looks
so nice and favers me so i think it
must take its smartness after me to i
would like to see all of you give my
love to Johnny tell him i am glad
is such a good boy and got back
from the bay safe i am glad that
you seam so lively some times
your letters all most distracts me
now do not be troubeled about my
being sick for i tell you just
how i am i think ellen did
say grace before supper it is a
wonder you did whip John i think
you are gitting better there is plenty
of drafted men passes her for the army
of the potomock as this is the main
rail road to the army ther was
a fight on the bul run batel ground

Day before yesterday with Stewarts
cavelry our men taken 60 prisoners
i do not know how many was killed
Stewart wants to tear up the
railroad but he run againts a snag
i do not believe there will be
much more fighting i do not
care if they do kill women
if they will not go out of
a town when they are ordered
but stay there to help our men
from shelling them if i had
my way i would burn
Charlestown women and all if
they did not go out when i
ordered them for they are the
meanest kind of rebs not that all
are men but these you have no idea i
think there is good women i must
close give my respects to all no
more at presant but still
remain your true and loving
husband untill death
Stephen G Buckson

Fairfax Station, August 20th. 1863.

Dear Wife:

I take this opportunity of informing you that I received your kind letter of the 16th and was glad to hear from you. I am getting better. I have been very sick again. I eat some stewed apples and they made me sick but I shall be more careful and I think I shall soon get well. I have got a nice hospital tent to stay in and fixed up nice, and we have plenty to eat. You said I did not send as much money as you expected but it is well I kept as much as I did for I can buy little things that I need, and itt comes very handy, so there is good luck for good meaning people. Burnet is here now. He came yesterday. I do not expect you to come here for it would cost too much and there is no convenience for women and you could do me but little good, only I could see you, but you can write, Thank God for learning enough to write and the many blest institutions that we have enjoyed and as long as the Lord gives me health and strength I intend to support them, although it is a sacrifice to be parted from those we love, yet it is better than to let rebels rule if we can, but leave a free government to our children. I am glad they have drafted so many rebs. It will take some of their money, but some of them will have to go. Denny Buck will not have to go. They drafted Clay Forkum. I wish you to tell me if he is in the home guards if you write to pap tell him all about me and that I received his kind letter but have been too unwell to answer it, but I will soon. You say the baby looks so nice and favors me, so I think it must take its smartness after me too. I would like to see all of you. Give my love to Johnny. Tell him I am glad he is such a good boy and got back from the bay safe. I am glad that you seem so lively sometimes. Your letters allmost distract me. Now do not be troubled about my being sick for I tell you just how I am. I think Ellen did say grace before supper. It is a wonder you did whip John. I think you are getting better. There is plenty of drafted men passes here for the army of the Potomac as this is the main railroad to the army. There was a fight on the Bull Run battle ground day before yesterday with Stewart's Cavalry our men taken 60 prisoners. I do not know how many was killed. Stewart wants to tear up the railroad but he ran against a snag. I do not believe there will be much more fighting. I do not care if they do kill women if they will not go out of a town when they are ordered, but stay there to keep our men from shelling them. If I had my way I would burn Charlestown women and all if they did not go out when ordered then for they are the meanest kind of rebs not that all are men but these. You have no idea. I think there is good women. I must close. Give my respects to all. No more at present but still remain your true and loving husband, until death.

Stephen T. Buckson.

Fairfax Station August 29th 1863

Dear and Loving wife i recieved your kind letter today and was glad to hear from you but was sorry that you was sick i hoped the baby was better i hope these few lines will find you in good health i am getting better i shall soon bee abel to go on duty i can eat my allowance ~~Sept~~

September 3rd

I have recieved your last letter but but i have been wasting to get home but having failed to get a furlough i concluded to write i am not abel to do duty yet but i am abel to go about camp i hope those few lines will find you all in good health there is no news i am still traying to put my trust

you must content your self the best
you can: put your trust in god
and live faithful i wish you
would not be so long before
you write for it is the happiest
moments when i recieve a letter
from home and can hear from
those i love there is some god lessons
to be learned by being away from
home the enjoyment of hearing from
home and as i stroke around and se the
desolation war has made i often
think of home and the dear
ones and the prosperity of the
country and it brings joy to my
heart to think that the war has
not reached our homes and never
will here we se nobody that we
know but we often see some person
with a down cast look their property
having been destroyed and nothing
to live on i have no dout that this

war has ruined a great many
innocent women from different
causes some from necesity and some
through fear i do sincerly hope
that this cruel war will soon
close if it is the lords will but
i think some times that it will
never close untill every negro
is set free for i believe the lord
intends it and he will carry
out his desines but if our men
can get virginnia the war will
be over for north carolina
will come in her self so not
be discouraged there is a biter
day comming give my love
to Johnny and all the rest
and take a large portion for
your self no more at presant
but still remain your true
and loving husband untill death
Stephen. J. Buckson may god bles you

Fairfax Station, August 29th. 1863.

Dear and loving wife;

I received your kind letter today and was glad to hear from you but was sorry that you was sick. I hoped the baby was better. I hope these few lines will find you in good health. I am getting better. I shall soon be able to go on duty. I can eat my allowance.

Sept. 3.

I have received your last letter but I have been waiting to get home, but having failed to get a furlough I concluded to write. I am not able to go about camp. I hope these few lines will find you all in good health. There is no news. I am still trying to put my trust in God. You must content yourself the best you can. Put your trust in God and live faithful. I wish you would not be so long before you write for it is the happiest moment when I receive a letter from home and can hear from those I love. There is some good lessons to be learned by being away from home. The enjoyment of hearing from home and as I stroll around and see the desolation war has made I often think of home and the dear ones and the prosperity of the country, and it brings joy to my heart to think that the war has not reached our homes and never will. Here we see nobody that we know but we often see some person with a downcast look their property having been destroyed and nothing to live on. I have no doubt that this war has ruined a great many innocent women from different causes some from necessity and some through fear. I do sincerely hope that this cruel war will soon close if it is the Lord's will but I think sometimes that it will never close until every negro is set free, for I believe the Lord intends it and he will carry out his desires, but if our men can get Virginia the war will be over for North Carolina will come in herself. Do not be discouraged there is a better day coming. Give my love to Johnny and all the rest and take a large portion for yourself. No more at present, but still remain your true and loving husband until death.

Stephen T. Buckson.

May God bless you.

Fairfax Station September 23 th 1863

Dear wife i take this another opertunity of informing you that i am well and hope those few lines will find you the same i can send you but 26 dollars i recieved but 40 dollars 2 months pay ~~and~~ and paid 8 that i borowed to come home and 1 to our darky and 1 for Stripes and 1 to by a sword for the colonel and i have baught some tobaco and other litel things so you see i have but litel left there is but littel news i was going to send the money home 10 dollars at a time but the Preacher was coming home and i sent it in care of mrs Cannon give my love to Johnny and all my friends and still trust in god and may his choisest blessings rest on you all is my prayer no more at presant but stil remane your true and loving husband untill death

Stephen J. Buckson

Via F. F. Station

Head Quarters 4th Del Vol Singsters Station Va
Dear wife it is with pleasure that i sit down
to write you a few lines to let you know
that i am well and hope these few
lines will find you all the same i feel
very thakful that i am as well off as
i am for there hass been a great many
men killed in this last fight we have
missed it so far and i believe we will
never be in a fight now we came to
fairfax station yesterday and was ordered up
here right away about 2½ miles so you
may content your self i have given
you all the news that i know and
i would like to hear from you this is
two letters i have written to you
since ayou went home and have
not heard from you yet the lord
has been good to us so let us be thankful
mary thomas is at the court house
with no money and the other women
are coming out here our regament

is scattered from bull run to occolink
on the railroad give my love to Johnny and
tell i want to see him and kiss him and
lena for me i would like to have hold
of lena and shake her we have had
a nice time we had plenty of lumber up
at the rappahannock so we had good Quartors
and here we have a good block house to
live in general Taylor has been sent
away and all the forces but our brigade
and grimshaw is in command so i think
we will stay here a good while i
want you to write soon no more
at present but still remain your
true and loving husband
Stephen J Buckson

i expect our grass is graving
fast i would like to go out there
and look at it

Fairfax Station, Sept. 23, 1863.

Dear wife:

I take this another opportunity of informing you that I am well and hope these few lines will find you the same. I can send you but 25 dollars. I received but 40 dollars 2 months pay and paid 8 that I borrowed to come home and 1 to our darky and 1 for stripes and 1 to buy a sword for the colonel and I have bought some tobacco and other little things so you see I have but little left. There is but little news. I was going to send the money home 10 dollars at a time but the Preacher was coming home and I sent it in care of Mrs. Cannon. Give my love to Johnny and all my friends and still trust in God and may his choicest blessings rest on you all is my prayer. No more at present, but still remain your true and loving husband until death,

Stephen T. Buckson.

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Headquarters 4th Del. Vol. Singsters Station,
Va., via F. F. Station.

Dear wife:

It is with pleasure that I sit down to write you a few lines to let you know that I am well and hope these few lines will find you all the same. I feel very thankful that I am as well off as I am for there has been a great many men killed in this last fight. We have missed it so far and I believe we will never be in a fight now. We came to Fairfax station yesterday and was ordered up here right away about 2 -1/2 miles so you may content yourself. I have given you all the news that I know and I would like to hear from you. This is two letters I have written to you since you went home and have not heard from you yet. The Lord has been good to us so let us be thankful. Mary Thomas is at the Court House with no money and the other women are coming out here. Our regiment is scattered from Bullrun to Accotink on the railroad. Give my love to Johnny and tell him I want to see him and kiss him and Lena for me. I would like to have hold of Lean and shake her. We have had a nice time. We had plenty of lumber up at the Rappahannock so we had good quarters and here we have a good block house to live in. General Tylor has been sent away and all the forces but our brigade and Grimshaw is in command so I think we will stay here a good while. I want you to write soon. No more at present but still remain your true and loving husband.

Stephen T. Buckson.

I expect our grass is growing fast. I would like to go out there and look at it.

(no date.)

Fairfax Station October 6th 1863

Dear wife i recieved your kind and welcom letters of 20th and 30th these are all the letters i have had since i left home i was glad to hear you was well and that the children are well i did get another letter but had forgoten it i am getting better i have been verry sick i never was as sick in my life as i was on last wednesday and thursday but thank god he brought me out he has a littel more for me to do yet on earth and i want to make good use of the time i am glad you have got a stove you must see mr Hazze and see if that house is to rent

you must forgive my short letter
for i have nothing much to write
about and my health is not
in a condition to make me
very lively give my love
to Johnny and all my
friends tell me if you
ever get your money i
shall begin to think it is
gone trust in god and
may his blessings rest on
you give me more at present

Stephen J Buckson

Fairfax Station, Oct. 6th.1863.

Dear wife:

I received your kind and welcome letter of the 20th and 30th. These are all the letters I have had since I left home. I was glad to hear you was well and that the children are well. I did get another letter but had forgotten it. I am getting better. I have been very sick. I never was as sick in my ~~lax~~ life as I was on last Wednesday and Thursday, but thank God he brought me out. He has a little more for me to do yet on earth and I want to make good use of the time. I am glad you have got a stove. You must see Mr. Haze and see if that house is to rent. You must forgive my short letter for I have nothing much to write about and my health is not in a condition to make me very lively. Give my love to Johnny and all my friends. Tell me if you ever get your money. I shall begin to think it is gone. Trust in God and may his blessings rest on you. No more at present.

Stephen T. Buckson.

Fairfax Station October 15th 1863

Dear wife i recieved your kind letter of the 11th yesterday but not in time to answer it i was glad to hear that you was all well but you said you would write because you had nothing els to do i am on duty again and am nearly well all only i am weak i hope those few lines will find you all in good health there is plenty of news here now the army is all falling back but in good order the cars has all stopped running any further than here and only supply trains run here the wagon trains commenced to come in here yesterday and are still comming every thing is of a stir here they have been fighting in front since friday mead crosed the rappidan with the left of his force and about the same time lee crosed higher up and tride to turn meads right flank and cut of the wagon

trains but mead instantly changed his
base of operation and commenced falling
back so as to cut lea of and done it and
the trains are all safe at the time
beuforts cavelry engaged the right of leas
army and kilpatrick the left and were
both surrounded at one time but manged
to cut their r way out with small
loss although our army is falling back it is
in good order and the rebs are getting the
worst of it gen warren had a fight
yesterday but we do not know the result
they expect a general engagement
to day some where about manasas or
bull run it is reported that brag
has reenforced led and that rosecrans
is going to reenforce mead and make
an advance and that foster has has
gone up the peninsula with a force
it dos not become me to say any thing
about the strength of our army at this
time as this might fall into some hands
that we would not like to get it we may

have to move somwhere maybe to the
front it is no use to blind it but do not
troubel your self the same hand that
has protected us is still abel and willing
to do it now so let us put our trust in
him who is strong to save and naighty
to deliver there is no danger while the army
is in good order and good spirits they
say mead is verry cooll and says he is
getting the rebs right where he wants
them on his own ground and that
he will give them what they want a
decent flogin our men brought in a lot of
prisoners this morning and they are a hard
looking heart broken looking set of men
they say lea had to fight or starve that
he could not get supplies much longer and
was to try to get into pensylvania or
maryland as brag failed to drive rosecrans
and you se if this is true they are bad of
and mead wil not let lea get further
than bull run if i get any more news i will
let you know as soon as possibel we cant get official

only from the papers and there is not much chance for that i hear that the union ticket is elected in pensylvania i am glad of it it is as good as defeat to one of the rebel armies give my love to Johnny and all my friends no more at present but still remain loving husband untill Death and then i hope we will meet in heaven wher there is no more parting and no sorrow may the lord bles you all

Stephen G Buckson

i am glad lena is so much plasure to you and that you are fixed for the winter

Fairfax Station. October 15th. 1863.

Dear Wife:

I received your kind letter of the 11th yesterday, but not in time to answer it. I was glad to hear that you was all well, but you said you would write because you had nothing else to do. I am on duty again and am nearly well all only I am weak. I hope these few lines will find you all in good health. There is plenty of news here now. The Army is all falling back but in good order. The cars has all stopped running any further than here, and only supply trains run here. The wagon trains commenced to come in here yesterday, and are still coming. Everything is of a stir here. They have been fighting in front since Friday. Mead crossed the Rappidan with the left of his force and about the same time Lee crossed higher up and tried to turn Mead's right flank and out of the wagon trains, but Mead instantly changed his base of operation and commenced falling back so as to cut Lee off and done it, and the trains are all safe. At the time Beaufort's cavalry engaged the right of Lee's army and Kilpatrick the left and were both surrounded at one time but managed to cut their way out with small loss although our army is falling back it is in good order and the rebs are getting the worst of it again. Warren had a fith yesterday but we do not know the result. They expect a general engagement today xxx somewhere about Manassas or Bull Run. It is reported that Brag has reinforced Lee and that Rosecrans is going to reinforce Mead and make an advance and that Foster has gone up the Peninsula with a force. It does not become me to say anything about the strength of our army at this time as this might fall into some hands that we would not like to get it. We may have to move somwhere maybe to the front. It is no use to blind it but xx do not trouble your self. The same hand that has protected us is still able and willing to do it now, so let us put our trust in Him who is strong to save and mighty to deliver. There is no danger while the army is in good order and good spirits. They say Mead is very cool andsays he is getting the rebs right where he wants them on his own ground and that he will give them what they want a decent flogging. Our men brought in a lot of prisoners this morning and they are a hard looking heart broken set of men. They say Lee had to fight or starve, that he would not get supplies much longer and was to try to get into Pennsylvania or Maryland as Brag failed to drive Rosecrans and you see if this is true they are bad off and Mead will not let Lee get further than Bull Runn. If I get any more news I will let you know as soon as possible. We can't get official news only from the papers and there is not much chance for that. I hear that the Union ticket is elected in Pennsylvania. I am glad of it. It is as good as defeat to one of the rebel armies. Give my love to

Johnny and all my friends. No more at present but still remain your loving husband until death and then I hope we will meet in Heaven where there is no more parting and no sorrow. May the Lord bless you all.

Stephen T. Buckson.

I am glad Lena is so much pleasure to you and that you are fixed for the winter.

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Farfax court house October 17th 11

Dear wife i have just recieve your kind and welcom letter of the 15th and was glad to hear from you to hear that you are all in good health and doing well i am getting stronger all the time but i got weighd to day and hav lost 20 pounds since i left the Point we recieved marching orders on the 15th and marched out here on the 16 we are yet an independent regament mead has whiped the rebs bad they were decieved they thought the army of the potomak was broken up and sent to rosecrans and mead has out generaled them this time the rebs is on the run and mead is after them the

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pontoons has gone up again
and i believe that the rebbel
army will be broken up in
virginnia they had a fight
on the 15 at catlet station betwen
manas ~~station~~ junction and ~~warren~~
Warrington Juction the rebs
marched at a charge but our
men stood firm and waited
untill they come within 150
yards and then fired a volly
that sent many a trator to a
trators grave ther intention
was to turn our right flank
~~but they run into a wall~~
of union soldiers and the
drafted men fought like
men and only complaind
bcause the could not load as
fast as the drilled soilders
our company is on picket today
but i was left in camp it rained

3 rained all the time we was marching out here and we all got wet but i fell very wel to day we got our tents up last knight and soon Started a good fire i can not tell much about the movement of the army now but you may rest contented for the rebs are foilled in this move the whole wagon train is safe which the rebs has lost so many meen ~~to~~ in trying to capture ow taken 5500 prisoners on the 9 day of this fight and killed 5000 more and i think hve taken 30 pices of artilery i say we because i a in the army but i do not want the credit that belongs to more worthy soilders for we hav not been in to it yet but we are ready and waiting orders is think our chance to get home is as good as ever for we are now relieved from the station and not in any brigade and will not be needed in front

3 rained all the time we was marching out
here and we all got wet but i fell very
wel to day we got our tents up last knight
and soon started a good fire i can not tell
much about the movement of the army now
but you may rest contented for the reb's
are foilled in this move the whole wagon
train is safe which the reb's has lost so
many men ~~to~~ in trying to capture our men
taken 5 5 0 prisoners on the 9 day of this fight
and killed 5 00 more and i think hve taken
30 pices of artilery i say we because i am
in the army but i do not want the credit
that belongs to more worthy soilders for we
hav not been in to it ye but we are ready
and waiting orders i think our chance to get
home is as good as ever for we are now
relieved from the station and not in any
brigade and will not be needed in front

4 you see every time we move i am short of
paper but if we stay here i can soon get
more i think i will close as you can get
oficial news out of the papers you had
better take mrs Jones's house but i did
not want you to rent it if you could
help it i was all most heart sick on the 15th
news came that major wood was killed
but at knight lutenan mcalester came
in wounded in the knee and said he
was the only officer wounded in the
regament and i tell you it made
me feel glad for his parents i do
hope the lord will spare all such men
for i hear the men of his regament say he
is all the field officer they have worth
any thing

October 17th, 1863.

Fairfax Court House.

Dear Wife:

I have just received your kind and welcome letter of the 15th. and was glad to hear from you. To hear that you are all in good health and doing well. I am getting stronger all the time but I got weighed today and have lost 20 pounds since I left the Point. We received marching orders on the 15th, and marched out here on the 16th. We are yet an independent regiment. Mead has whipped the rebs bad. They were deceived. They thought the Army of the Potomac eas broken up and sent to Rosecrans and Mead has out generaled them this time. The rebs is on the run and Mead is after them. The pontoons has gone up again and I believe that the rebel army will be broken up in Virginia. They had a fight on the 15 at Catlet Station between Manas Station Junction and Warrington Junction. The rebs marched at a charge but our men stood firm and waited until they come within 150 yards and then fired a volley that sent many a traitor to a traitor's grave. Their intention was to turn our right flank but they run into a wall of Union soldiers and the drafted men fought like men and only complained because they could not load as fast as the drilled soldiers. Our company is on picket today, but I was left in camp. It rained

(This is on a separate sheet, but I think it follows the above.----B*)

It rained all the time we were marching out here and we all got wet, but I feel very well to day. We got our tents up last night, and soon started a good fire. I can not tell much about the movement of the army now, but you may rest contented for the rebs are foiled in this move. The whole ~~way~~ wagon train is safe which the rebs has lost so many men in trying to capture. Our men taken 550 prisoners on the 9 days of this fight and killed 500 more, and I think we taken 30 pieces of artillery. I say we because I am in the army but I do not want the credit that belongs to more worthy soldiers, for we have not been in to it yet, but we are ready and waiting orders. I think our chance to get home is as good as ever for we are now relieved from the station and not in any brigade and will not be needed in front. You see every time we move I am short of paper but if we stay here I can soon get more. I think I will close as you can get official news out of the papers. You had better take Mrs. Jones's house but I did not want you to rent it if you could help it. I was almost heartsick on the 15th. News came that Major Woodel was killed but at night Lt. Macalester came in wounded in the

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knee and said he was the only officer wounded or in the regiment, and I tell you it made me feel glad for his parents. I do hope the Lord will spare all such men for I hear the men of his regiment say he is all the field officer they have worth anything.

Fairfax court house Va October 21st 1863

Dear wife i recieved your kind and welcom letter of the 20th and was glad to hear from you that you was well and enjoying your self i am well and on duty i begin to feel like my self again i sent you a letter on sunday to the Landing it has nearly all the news our army is on the advance every thing is still here now the rebs is in full retreat and are whipped bad they were decieved bad i think we stand a good chance to get home as we have been relieved from the station and are in no brigade but are an independant regament i am verey nervis yet as you can see by my writing it is from smoking

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husband untill death

Stephen J Buckson

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give my respects to all the
girls and tell them to be
good girls and let me know
how Mr Johnson is

Fairfax Court House, Va., Oct. 21,1863.

Dear wife:

I received your kind and welcome letter of the 20th and was glad to hear from you that you was well and enjoying yourself. I am well and on duty. I begin to feel like myself again. I sent you a letter on Sunday to the Landing. It has nearly all the news. Our army is on the advance. Everything is still here now. The rebs is in full retreat and are whipped bad. They were deceived bad. I think we stand a good chance to get home as we have been relieved from the station and are in no brigade but are an independent regiment. I am very nervous yet as you can see by my writing. It is from smoking. I shall have to quit it. Give my love to Johnny and tell him I think I will get to see him in less than a month. Give my best respects to pap and all the rest of our families and friends, and tell them not to be uneasy about the fourth for whenever she has to move the Lord smiles on our army and the rebs leaves. It seems like a providential thing that we did not have to fight this time but the rebs commenced to fall back about the time we ordered out. So let us still put our trust in God for he is all in all to us. No more at present, but still remain your loving husband, until death,

Stephen T. Buckson

P.S. Give my respects to all the girls and tell them to be good girls and let me know how Mr. Johnson is.

Head Quarters 4th Ind Cav Fairfax C. House

January 28th 1864

Dear wife it is again this beautiful morning that I am permitted to write you a few lines to let you Know that I am well and hope these few lines will find you all well we have nice weather now and it is so still here that it seems as if there is no war here i was just thinking if you was with me i should be perfectly happy but I believe the time will soon come when I shall be permitted to come home to enjoy your company give my love to Johnny and kiss Lena and my best respects to all of our friends mrs Mackary sends her best respects to you and says she is coming to see you if she lives to do so her and mrs Burnet has fell out over a cup of coffe you see mrs B is getting very independant since mr B has got to be captain she has forgotten the past verry soon but it is so with the world past favors are soon forgotten there is no news of importance here we do not know yet when we will be paid but i expect now that it will not be till the firs of march but you must try and make out the best you can and pray the Lord bless you I feel feel willing to trust him as he has been our friend

he will not leave nor forsake us let us put our trust in god and live faithful so that we may live with him now as i have written before i have not much to say you must write as often as you can for i love to hear from home i have written to pap since we left home but he has never answered my letter i would like you to let me know how they are and what they are doing nomore at presant but still remain your Devoted husband

Stephen J. Buckson 1st Sergt Co (G)
4th Regt Del Vol

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I Recived your letter of the 24th
I am sorry that you are crippled
but the Lords will be done

Headquarters, 4th Del. Vol.
Fairfax Court House.
January 28th. 1864.

Dear wife;

It is again this beautiful morning that I am permitted to write you a few lines to let you know that I am well and hope these few lines will find you all well. We have nice weather now and it is so still here that it seems as if there is no war here. I was just thinking if you was with me I should be perfectly happy, but I believe the time will soon come when I shall be permitted to come home to enjoy your company. Give my love to Johnny and kiss him, and my best respects to all of our friends. Mrs. Maclary sends her best respects to you and says she is coming to see you if she lives to do so. Her and Mrs. Burnet has fell out over a cup of coffee. You see Mrs. B. is getting very indepdendent since Mr. B. has got to be captain. She has forgotten the past very soon, but it is so with the world. Past favors are soon forgotten. There is no news of importance here. We do not know yet when we will be paid, but I expect now that it will not be till the first of March, but you must try and make out thebest you can, and may the Lord bless you. I still feel willing to trust him as he has been our friend. He will not leave nor forsake us. Let us put our trust in God and live faithful, so that we may live with him. Now as I have written before I have not much to say. You must write as often as you can for I love to hear from home. I have written to pap since we left home, but he has never answered my letter. I would like you to let me know how they are and what they are doing. No more at present, but still remain your devoted husband.

Stephen T. Buckson, 1st. Sergt.CO.G
4th Regt. DelVol.

P.S. Received your letter of the 24th. I am sorry that you are crippled, but the Lord's will be done.

Head Quarters 4th Del Vol Y. M. House
February 15th 1864

Dear Wife as i have had no letter since i have written to you i thought i would let you know how I was getting along I am well and still striving to serve god and hope these few liner will find you enjoying the same blessings give my love to Johnny and all the rest of our friends now i am going to tell you something you will not like at First but you will think as i do when you understand it as i do Col. Grimshaw is going to try to get a special order for the 4th to reenlist so we can get the bounty for if we do not we can get no bounty but the $100 dollar bounty and as we have 18 months yet to serve i think that if we have to fight atall we will do it before our present time is out and i believe that we will be discharged just as soon if we reenlist as we would if we did not for the negroes will be retained in the service with the regulars so they will not want us but if they d keep us it will be but 18 months longer so that will be 400 dollars

for the extra 18 months and not only that the regament will get 30 days furlough to home and i would not like to be left behind to be put in any other regament and verry likely be put in the ranks so i think i had better go with the regament now i know i promised you i would do nothing rashly so i have thought over the matter and went to see the col to get his advice and he told me he would stay with us and that it was the best thing we could do for the war would be over before our time was out this time and that he was doing this for the benifit of the men of the regt as they have had no bounty now this bounty would be a great help to us as we need all we can get as we are in debt an i can not make that much in several years at home and if i had to go to sea i should be from home so i think i had better go in to it now i hope you will think over the matter justly and right putting your trust in god and answer this as soon as you can give my respects to mrs & mrs Knight nomore at present but still remain your true and devoted

Husband S. G. Buckson

Headquarters, 4th Del. Vol.
Fairfax Court House.
Feb. 15th. 1864.

Dear Wife:

As I have had no letter since I have written to you I thought I would let you know how I was getting along. I am well and still striving to serve God, and hope these few liness will find you enjoying the same blessings. Give my love to Johnny and all the rest of our friends. Now I am going to tell you something you will not like at first, but you will think as I do when you understand it as I do. Col. Grimshaw is going to try to get a special order for the 4th to re-enlist, so we can get the bounty, for if we do not we can get no bounty, but the $10. dollar bounty, and as we have 18 months yet to serve I think that if we have to fight atall we will do it before our present time is out, and I believe that we will be discharged just as soon if we re-enlist as we would if we did not, for the negroes will be retained in the service with the regulars, so they will not want us but if they do keep us it will be but 18 months longer, so that will be 400 dollars for the extra 18 months, and not only that, the regiment will get 30 days furlough to home, and I would not like to be left behind to be put in any other regiment, and very likely be put in the ranks, so I think I had better go with the regiment. Now I know I promised you I would do nothing rashly, so I have thought over the matter and went to see the Col. to get his advice, and he told me he would stay with us and that it was the best thing we could do for the war would be over before our time was out this time, and that he was doing this for the benefit of the men of the regt. as they have had no bounty. Now this bounty would be a great help to us as we need all we can get as we are in debt, and I can not make that much in several years at home, and if I had to go to sea I should be from home, so I think I had better go in to it. Now I hope you will think over the matter justly and right putting your trust in God and answer this as soon as you can. Give my respects to Mr. and Mrs. Knight. No more at present, but still remain your true and devoted husband,

Stephen T. Buckson

Head Quarters 4th Del Vol. Inf 6 House Va

March 11th 1864

Dear wife i received your kind letter of the 7th and was glad to hear from you my throat is worse this morning but do not be allarmed for it is not dangerous it only affects my speech is all, i am well every other way and i hope these few lines will find you all in good health give my respects to all of our friends give my love to Johnny and kiss Lena for me there is nothing new here the women are both well i have written to Rebeca Ann and told her all about how she talked about us and i have written to Lap and Jarvis and neither of them has written to me yet we have no chaplain now he has got his discharge and Denny Stevenson has got a commission as 1st Lut in a Colored regt we see no more prospect of being paid off than we did before so you will have to do the best you can for i cant help you any we could not get the order to reenlist but it will have an influence it is said that we are going back in the Defences of

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well as i used to on account of my
throught you must put your trust
in god and let us live faithful
So that we may met in heaven

no more at present but still remain
your Loving and Faithful husband

S. T. Buckson

Headquarters 4th Del. Vol.
F.C. House, Va.,
March 11th. 1864.

Dear wife:

I received your kind letter of the 7th and was glad to hear from you. My throat is worse this morning but do not be alarmed for it is not dangerous. It only affects my speech is all. I am well every other way and I hope these few lines will find you all in good health. Give my respects to all of our friends. Give my love to Johnny and kiss Lena for me. There is nothing new here. The women are both well. I have written to Rebecca Ann and told her all about how she talked about us, and I have written to Pap and Jervis and neither of them has written to me yet. We have no chaplain now. He has got his discharge and Denny Stevenson has got a commission as 1st leut. in a colored regt. We see no more prospect of being paid off than we did before, so you will have to do the best you can for I can't help you any. We could not get the order to re-enlist but it will have an influence. It is said that we are going back in the defenses of Washington. If we do we will stay there but put no confidence in this for it is just a rumor, although there may be some truth in it. It is raining here. We have had some very nice weather but there is a good deal of wet weather here. Our shanty is dry and warm so we can do well. I am still striving to put my trust in God but I cannot enjoy myself as well as I used to oh account of my throat. You must put your trust in God and let us live faithful so that we may meet in Heaven.

No more at present but still remain your loving and faithful husband,

S. T. Buckson

Head Quarters 4th Del Vol
Fairfax C House Va March 17th 1862

Dear Wife

It is with Pleasure i sit down to wright you a few lines to Let you know how we are getting along i am getting Better of my sore throat i am well every other way and i hope this will find all of you in good health and enjoying yourselves we have some men sick in the regt 1 case of small pox and several of the measels but there is good care taken of them so that the disease will not Spread James Scotten one of our company has been in the hospital in alexandria ever since we left there and on the

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before the cars came along
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man that did it and to day
as the news man was coming
from washington about three
miles from our camp 10
rebs rushed out on him and
3 cavelry men and took
them Prisoners but the news
man was not armed and
they did not watch him
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faithful and loving
husband

S. G. Buckson

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Headquarters 4th Del. Vol.
Fairfax Court House, Va.
March 17th. 1864.

Dear wife:

It is with pleasure that I sit down to write to you a few lines to let you know how we are getting along. I am getting better of my sore throat. I am well every other way and I hope this will find all of you in good health and enjoying yourselves. We have some men sick in the regt, 1 case of smallpox and several of the measles, but there is good care taken of them, so that the disease will not spread. James Scotten, one of our company, has been in the hospital in Alexandria ever since we left there and on the 11th of the month after he had been payed off he received a pass to go around town, and was murdered by some villain. He was knocked down and then his throat cut in three places and laid across the railroad track for the cars to run over to hide the deed, but was found before the cars came along and they have caught the man that did it, and today as the newsman was coming from Washington about three miles from our camp 10 rebs rushed out on him and 3 cavalry men and took them prisoners, but the newsman was not armed and they did not watch him very close and he picked a chance and sprung from his carriage on one of the rebs who had a double barreled gun and never let him up until he took the gun and then raised and shot him dead, and then turned and shot another and then our cavalry came up and the rest skedalled, so you see we have some fun some times down here. We were paid off yesterday. I received 80 dollars. I shall send 60 home and I want you to take care of yourself out of that. I do not know how I shall send it yet. Manlove has got a furlough in and I shall wait a little while to see if he comes home. If he does I shall send it by him. If not I shall express it to Mr. Cannon. I do not think I shall try for a furlough this spring for it costs so much and there are so many trying to come. I would like to see you all very well. I would like you to come down if you can anyway, but if you cannot let us put our trust in God and he will bring us out all right for he has said so, so let us be faithful. Give my love to Johnny and all the rest of our friends. No more at present, but still remain your faithful and loving husband

S. T. Buckson

Head Quarters 4th Del Vol. Inf. C. House

March 20th 1864

Dear wife i received your letter of the 14th in
Due time and was glad to hear
from you but did not answer
it because i had just written to
you and i wanted to see how
i would send my money home
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his furlough went in this morning
and will be home on next saturday and
will come to the Landing on
sunday or monday and
bring it to you but do not
say anything about it for he
does not want his peopel to
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is sore i am well every other

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trouble about me for i can have
good attention and my throut is
not as bad as you suppose i think
now it will get well i suppose
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had one and there is other men that
has had none and i shall not try
for one and then it would cost
me so much now you say you
cannot see that the war is anny
nearer over than it was when
it first broke out but iff you
will just stop and think you
cannot help but see that it
is pretty near played out for
there is not a State in the united
States but what there is union
troops in and there is but 5 States
out of the union now and
when the war broke out there
was 14 so you see there is less

chance for them to support
an army and just look around
washington the rebbels held arlington
hights and all that part of
virginia and Alexandria and
this place and so on but now
they are on the other side of
the rappedan which is about
90 miles from washington and
then we have got plenty of
forts and a good army and
plenty of arms and equipment
and the rebs are getting weaker
and are getting whipped all the
time there was a fight yesterday
at bristow Station just above here
a few miles with rebel Stuarts
& whites cavelry white crosed
the rappidan below our army
somewhere about Fredricksburg and
come around in the rear of the
army of the potomac and Stewart

crosed above and come on to
the station and run in to the
5th corps and they whiped him
and white run in to some of our
cavelry and got whipped and
could not get back the way he
come and started to go back the
other way and he run in to
the 5 corps at the station about
the same time that stewart
did and a general fight
ensued and the rebs were
cut to peices our me throud
the grape and canister into
them and litterly covered
the ground with them so you
see they run in to a hornets nest
we had to sleep without our equipments
on last knight but they did
not come for a reecon they wer
glad to go back Sally sends her
respects to you She has a verry
sore hand i assure you She will
do al She can for me her and mrs
bernet will never b friends any more
for mr & mrs burnet are neither of them
like they were give my love to johnny
and kiss lena for me put your trust
in god no more at present but still
remain your true and loving husband
Stephen G Buckson

give my respects to all of our friends

Headquarters 4th Vol.Del. F. Court House.
March 20th, 1864.

Dear wife:

I received your letter of the 14th in due time and was glad to hear from you but did not answer it because I had just written to you and I wanted to see how I would send my money home. I shall send it ny Manlove. His furlough went in this morning and he will be home on next Saturday and will come to the Landing on Sunday or Monday and bring it to you, but do not say anything about it for he does not want his people to know anything about it. You must give him a receipt for the money. My throat is a great deal better but my mouth is sore. I am well every other way. You need not see any trouble about me for I can have good attention and my throat is not as bad as you suppose. I think now it will get well. I suppose I could get a furlough but I have had one and there is other men that has had none and I shall not try for one, and then it would cost me so much. Now you say you cannot see that the war is any nearer over than it was when it first broke out, but if you will just stop and think you cannot help but see that it is pretty near played out for there is not a state in the United states but what there is union troops in and there is but 5 states out of the Union now and when the war broke out there was 14, so you see there is less chance for them to support an army and just look around Washington. The rebels held Arlington Heights and all that part of Virginia and Alexandria and this place and so on, but now they are on the other side of the Rapidan which is about 90 miles from Washington, and then we have got plenty of Forts and a good army and plenty of arms and equipment and the rebs are getting weaker, and are getting whipped all the time. There was a fight yesterday at Bristow station just above here a few miles with rebel Stuart's & Whiteds cavalry. White crossed the Rapidan below our army somewhere about Fredericksburg and come around in the rear of the army of the Potomac and Stewart crossed above and come on to the station and run in to the 5th corps and they whipped him and White run in to some of our cavalry and got whipped and could not get back the way he come and started to go back the other way and he run in to the 5 corps at the station about the same time that Stewart did and a general fight ensued and the rebs were cut to pieces. Our me throwed the grape and canister into them and litterly covered the ground with them so you see they run into a hornet's nest. We had to sleep with our equipments on last night but they did not come for I reckon they were glad to go back. Sally sends her respects to you. She has a very sore hand. I assure you she will do all she can for me. Her and Mrs. Burnet will never be friends any more for Mr. and Mrs. Burnet are neither of them like they were. Give my love to Johnny and kiss Lena for me. Put your trust in God. No more at present but still remain your true and loving husband,

Stephen T. Buckson.

Rapahannack Bridge Va
May 5th 1864

Dear wife i take this
opertunity to inform you
that i am well and hop
these few lines may find
you all the same we
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time enough to get our
tents up you need
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to all

Yowr true and
Loving husband
Stephen J Buckson

Rapahannock Bridge, Va.,
May 5, 1864.

Dear wife:

I take this opportunity to inform you that I am well and hope these few lines may find you all the same. We arrived here last evening time enough to get our tents up. You need not be uneasy for our regt is scattered along the railroad. I want you to write as soon as you can. Direct your letters to the Court House until further orders. I can tell you but little but the army is on the move. There will soon be some good news. Excuse my short letterx for this time. Give my respects to all.

Your true and loving husband,

Stephen T. Buckson

Rapahanock Bridge Va
May 8th 1864

Dear wife it is with
Pleasure that i write you
a few lines to let you
know that i am well
and hope these few lines
will find you the same
i want to hear from you
as soon as posibel there
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place here and there
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here for they have
all they can attend
to in front of our
army we have good
sumer quarters and
are doing well
there is but littel news
of importanse some 3
of our guard done a
trick i am ashamed
of do not say anything
about it there was
3 rebs came up to the
post and the guards
told them who was here

and how many
there was and
Let them ride off and
never fired a gun
we seen them from camp
and fired several shots
but they to far off so
they just rode off right
before us there is several
trains here to take down
the sick and wounded
and prisoners but they
have not began to come
in yet i expect
there is a good many
for there has been
some hard fighting
as there is no official
news and i have
but little time
to write you
must excuse me

i recieve 3 letters
1 from your mother
1 " Moggy D
1 " Marty Wilson
give my
Love to Johnny
and all our friends
no more at present
but Still remain your
Loving husband
Stephen G Bickson

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all my friends and
kiss Johnny and Lena
for me do not uneas
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of me so let us
trust in him excuse
my short letter
for i am in a
hurry but i still
remain your loving
husband

S G Bickson

Rapahannock Bridge, Va.,
May 8th. 1864.

Dear wife:

It is with pleasure that I write you a few lines to let you know that I am well, and hope these few lines will find you the same. I want to hear from you as soon as possible. There is no prospect of our going to the Court House for there is a regiment there in our place and Burnsides, Grant and Butler have formed a Junction and things are going on all right. I believe the rebs are retreating to Richmond and I believe they will be badly whipped. You need not be uneasy about me for we have a good place here and there is but few rebs here for they have all they can attend to in front of our army. We have good summer quarters and are doing well. There is but little news of importance. Some three of our guards done a trick I am ashamed of. Do not say anything about it. There was 3 rebs came up to the post and the guards told them who was here and how many there was and let them ride off and never fired a gun. We seen them from camp and fired several shots but they were to far off so they just rode off right before us. There is several trains here to take down the sick and wounded and prisoners, but they have not began to come in yet. I expect there is a good many for there has been some hard fighting. as there is no official news and I have but little time to write, you must excuse me. I received 3 letters, 1 from your mother
1 from Maggy V.
1 from Marty Wilson.

Give my love to Johnny and all our friends. No more at present, but still remain your loving husband,

Stephen T. Buckson.

Near Alexandria Va
May 24th 1864

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Near Alexandria, Va. May 24th. 1864.

Dear wife:

We are again on the move but we do not know where, we are going. I am well and hope these few lines will find you the same. The women went home to-day. They are in a great way. I will write as soon as we stop. I have sent a bag of blankets and dress coats and pants. The middle ~~xxix~~ blanket is Mrs. Johnson's. The rest is mine. Give my love to all my friends and kiss Johnny and Lena for me. Do not unease yourself for the Lord will take care of me, so let us trust in Him. Excuse my short letter for ~~xx~~ I am in a hurry but I still remain your loving husband,

S. T. Buckson.

White House Va June 6th 1864

Dear wife it is with pleasure that i write you a few lines to inform you how i am getting along i ara still unwell but not dangerous but thank god i am yet alive and i hope you are all well you must put your trust in god and live faithful so that if we do not meet on that we may meet in heaven i have not been to the regament since it left port royal it has been fighting nearby ever since and verry hard to there has been several killed but none that you know Samuel Hacket of our company is killed and J Palmer is wounded in the hand W H Ruth is wounded through the right breast the regament has fought hard and not lost verry heavy but has been Dealing Dedth and Distruktion to the rebs i think is shall try to get to the regament as soon as i can do not bee Discourqged for everry thing is going on all right and grant will soon take richmond time is all he wants i can not hear from you but you must not stop writing for i will get the letters

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Stephen G Buckson

White House, Va. June 6, 1864

Dear Wife:

It is with pleasure that I write you a few lines to inform you how I am getting along. I am still unwell but not dangerous, but thank God I am yet alive, and I hope you are all well. You must put your trust in God and live faithful so that if we do not meet on earth that we may meet in Heaven. I have not been to the regiment since it left Port Royal. It has been fighting nearly (or nearby?) ever since and very hard too. There has been several killed but none that you know. Samuel Hacket of our company is killed and J.Palmer is wounded in the hand. W. H. Ruth is wounded through the right breast. The regiment has fought hard and not lost very heavy but has been dealing death and destruction to the rebs. I think I shall try to get to the regiment as soon as I can. Do not be discouraged for every thing is going on all right and Grant will soon take Richmond. Time is all he wants. I cannot hear from you but you must not stop writing for I will get the letters sometime. Give my respects to all my friends. No more at present, but still remain your husband until death,

Stephen T. Buckson.

1864

White House Va June 8th

Dear wife i thought i would Let you know how i was getting along i am here Detailed for nurse i am not verry well but thank god i am still alive these are awful times here you can hardly immagine how bad it is the wounded cover acers of groand but the rebs are getting the worst of it all the time there is all kinds of wounds but there is a good many kind women down here of the sanitary commisio god bless them they

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give my love to John my
and all my friends
No more at present
but still remain your
loving Husband
Lt Johnson J Buckson

White House, Va., June 8th, 1864.

Dear Wife:

I thought I would let you know how I was getting along. I am here detailed for nurse. I am not very well but thank God I am still alive. These are awful times here. You can hardly imagine how bad it is. The wounded cover acres of ground but the rebs are getting the worst of it all the time. There is all kinds of wounds but there is a good many kind women down here of the sanitary commission. God bless them. They are ministering angels. They can cheer the men up when nothing else will. I do not know when I will go to the regiment. I may never go any more and I may go any time, but as the Lord has brought me through thus far let us put our trust in him for he is our only strength. Sergt. Warren is killed and Sergt. Thompson is wounded, and Lt. Webb (?) is killed. Wash. Maclary is here sick but not bad. He killed the first reb when they laid in the entrenchments. Grant is going to change the base of supplies to the James River, tomorrow, and I think Richmond must fall. I think sometimes that I ought to go to the regiment but then I think I can do my duty here and if the doctor sees proper to keep me here it is all right. They brought in a lot of reb prisoners and there was a young girl that was orderly sergt. of one of the companies. Grant is whipping the rebs bad. The men lay in the rifle pits and the rebs charged on them to drive them back but our men stick and when the rebs fall back our men follow them and then stay, so you see they are scared and are losing all the time. Give my love to Johnny and all my friends. No more at present, but still remain your loving husband,

Stephen T. Buckson.

Charles City Court House Va
June 15th 1864

Dear wife it is with pleasure that i
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of a rebel under the shad of my
shelter tent to inform you that i
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the long marches but i still feel
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bridge on the chickahomony river on the richmond and west point rail road doing picket duty in sight of the rebs and could talk with them some of them are dissatisfied and some are bitter on the repulicans for they have still got the negro on the brain the weather is nice here today and it is pleasant in the shade give my respects to all our friends you will have to borrow money of someboddy for i cant help you untill i am paid of and i believe that richmond must soon fall and then we will stop long enough to be paid no more at present but still remain your Loving husband

Stephen J Buckson
Co I G 4th Del Vol 2d Brigade
4th Division 5th Corps

Charles City Court House, Va.,

June 15th. 1864.

Dear wife:

It is with pleasure that I sit down in the open wheat field of a rebel under the shadow of my shelter tent to inform you that I am well except a little sore from the long marches, but I still feel willing to bear all that befalls me for I believe the cause is just and in God is my trust. I never knew what religion was before. It is everything that a man wants. It is good to know that we have a kind Creator who cares for us. Night before last I had to fall back on the march to the rear of the column and part of the time I was ~~along~~ alone as far as earthly friends was concerned for we was amongst the rebs, but I felt that Jesus was more precious to me than ever before since I have been in the service. So let us still continue to put our trust in God and he will bring us out more than conqueror. I hope these few lines will find you all in good health. Give my love to Johnny and kiss him and Lena for me. I would like to see you all but that is impossible at present, but I believe this summer will end the war. I left the White House on the 9th and came to the regiment on the 10th. I felt it my duty to go to the regt. although I could have stayed there. Grant has changed the base of supplies to the south side of the James River and we are laying one mile from the river waiting to cross. We shall go up to Petersburg, I expect, but I do not know, for things are uncertain here. Keep up your spirits and trust in God. When I come to the regiment it laid at the railroad bridge on the Chickahomony river on the Richmond and West Point railroad, doing picket duty in sight of the rebs, and could talk with them. Some of them are disatisfied and some are bitter on the Republicans for they have still got the negro on the brain. The weather is nice here today and it is pleasant in the shade. Give my respects to all our friends. You will have to borrow money of somebody for I can't help you until I am paid off, and I believe that Richmond must soon fall and then we will stop long enough to be paid. No more at present, but still remain your loving husband,

Stephen T. Buckson
Co. G, 4th Dela. Vol. 2nd Brigade,
4th Division, 5th Corps.

June 19-1864

Mrs Stephen T Bickson

We all here to mourn the loss of your husband Stephen T Bickson who was killed while charging on the enemy rifle pits June 18 1864- His remains have been taken care of the best we could. We can offer you only our

June 19th 1864

Mrs Stephen T Brickson

We all have to mourn the loss of your husband Captain T. Brickson who was killed while charging on the Enemys rifle pits June 18th 1864. his remains has been taken care of in best we could. We can offer you only our heart felt sympathy at the loss of one who is dearer to you

Yours

Alex Harper

June 19, 1864.

Mrs. Stephen T. Buckson:

We all have to mourn the loss of your husband Stephen T. Buckson, who was killed while charging on the enemy rifle pits June 18, 1864. His remains have been taken care of the best we could. We can offer you only our heartfelt sympathy at the loss of one who is so near to you.

Yours

Alex Harper.