Camp 5th Ala Regt
May 1st 1862
Four Miles North East Richmond

My dear father

We left Abingdon on the Morning of 27th & did not arrived here on the 29th. Are now encamped about four miles East of Richmond. Bolling is in the hospital in Richmond. not sick much but weak so we are going to camp near here probably for some time he thought it best to go to hospital until he entirely recovers. Men are all very much pleased with our change of country. Draw good rations here of meal. some bacon sugar coffee & flour every day. and have promise of having all of our men shod & clothed Ladies give several of our barefooted men good shoes, the bare headed got hats & the hungry good dinners as we passed through town. One of my

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men besides other things had a splendid pair of English shoes (sewed) given him by a lady. the shoes were a great deal too small for him & the lady told him to trade them & get him another pair He let me have the shoes, as there was no man in the Company who could wear them. I gave him $40. for them They are rather short, but better than none. I see in the advertizer of 22nd that Rolling Hall has married up here in Northern Va. to Miss Hunter. I reckon Uncle William was somewhat surprised when he saw it unless he had heard of it before, which I doubt. Vegetation is three weeks ahead here of what it was in East Tenn. Direct letters to Gracies Brigade Richmond Va. We are anxious to hear from you. Busy making out muster & Payrolls must close Love to all

Your affect Son
Mo Ed Hall

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