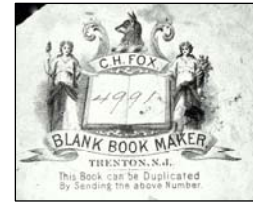


## The Civil War Letters of the Fox Brothers

Edward, George, and Samuel Fox 1861-1865

These letters were transcribed by David H. Fox, the great-grandson of Charles H. Fox, the recipient. The original spelling and usage has been retained. The letters were stored in a cardboard writing box, probably made by Charles, and similar to that mentioned in the letter of October 16, 1862. Charles eventually operated a bookbinding business in Trenton, New Jersey, and supplied the state government with ruled ledger books.



(L-R) Charles H. Fox, George W. Fox, Edward D. Fox, in advanced age.

After the war, George W. Fox operated a sheet metal business, as had his father and grandfather, retiring in 1902. Edward D. Fox held the position of Executive Clerk of the State of New Jersey for over forty years.

### Summary

These letters were written to Charles H. Fox by his older brothers from 1861 to 1865. The brothers and other children were orphaned by the death of their widowed father in 1857, and raised by relatives. Charles was living with his Uncle Ralph Warner and Aunt Mary Warner of Trenton, NJ.

The correspondence begins in the fall of 1861 with Samuel (mustered August 26, 1861\*) in Company B of the 6th New Jersey Volunteers stationed near Washington, DC. Edward Fox (mustered October 30, 1861\*) is in Company E of the same regiment. Samuel and Edward are both drummers. The brothers send money to support their younger brother Joseph Fox who is boarding with Nancy, then sister Annie Fox Grey, in

Trenton, NJ. He does not attend school on a regular basis to the annoyance of his brothers. Another brother, George Fox, becomes unemployed and joins the regiment as a drummer on January 27, 1862.\* Drummers do not carry rifles and are spared some of the fighting.

The expectation of a short war eventually fades and is replaced by realization of the hardships of war. Samuel dies of "brain fever," possibly meningitis, on September 23, 1862, at Camp Hooker, near Alexandria, VA.\* Edward despairs of his situation and obtains a medical discharge on February 23, 1863, near Falmouth, VA.\* He returns to Trenton, NJ, leaving George the lone family member in the army. The soldiers are not paid regularly and sometimes fed poorly. They are subject to being outside in all kinds of weather and endure long marches and the dangers of battles. At times, George feels that his family does not remember him by writing often enough. George is particularly annoyed with Edward who seeks employment in Hartford, CT, in December, 1863. Charles considers enlisting, but both George and Edward dissuade him. Edward returns to Trenton and joins the Invalid Corps in Trenton on August 9, 1864.\* By this time, there is optimism that the War may end soon. George's Company A, 6th Regiment is reorganized as Company E of the 8th New Jersey Volunteers in October, 1864. Edward's unexpected marriage at this time provokes sarcastic comments from George. With the end of the war, George's unit is stationed at Washington for several months, but he finally returns to Trenton in July 1865.

\* From William S. Stryker's *Record of Officers and Men of New Jersey in the Civil War, 1861-1865* (Trenton, NJ, The State of New Jersey, 1876) pp. 247, 270, 274, 392, 1462.

### Family Record

Name	Birth	Death	Occupation
Samuel Matson Fox	Aug. 28, 1812	July 20, 1857	Sheet metal
Adeline Porter Dearth	1817	May 11, 1854	
married Oct. 31, 1836, their children:			
George Washington Fox	Feb. 24, 1838	1918-1921*	Sheet metal
Samuel Matson Fox, Jr.	Feb. 27, 1840	Sep. 23, 1862*	
Edward D. Fox	Aug. 25, 1842	Mar. 15, 1931	State government
Charles Hinkle Fox	Feb. 6, 1845	Nov. 25, 1922	Bookbinder
Anna Hinkle Fox	Feb. 6, 1845	Mar. 1-, 1864*	
Joseph Hern Fox	July 24, 1848	Feb. 4, 1892	Tobacco
Adaliaide Hayter Fox	Apr. 27, 1853	Apr. 8, 1860*	
Uncle Ralph L. Warner	c. 1822		
Aunt Mary J. Warner	c. 1826		
Mary C. Warner	c. 1846		

\* died without children.

## 6th New Jersey Volunteer Infantry Regiment

Organized at Camp Olden, Trenton, N.J., and mustered in August 19, 1861. Left State for Washington, D.C., September 10, 1861. Attached to Casey's Provisional Brigade, Division of the Potomac, to October, 1861. 3rd Brigade, Hooker's Division, Army of the Potomac, to March, 1862. 3rd Brigade, 2nd Division, 3rd Army Corps, Army of the Potomac, to March, 1864. 1st Brigade, 4th Division, 2nd Army Corps, to May, 1864. 3rd Brigade, 3rd Division, 2nd Army Corps, to October, 1864.

### Service

Expedition to Lower Maryland November 3-11, 1861. At Meridian Hill until December, 1861, and near Budd's Ferry, Md., until April, 1862. Moved to the Virginia Peninsula April 5-8. Siege of Yorktown April 10-May 4. Battle of Williamsburg May 5. Battle of Fair Oaks (or Seven Pines) May 31-June 1. Duty near Seven Pines until June 25. Seven days before Richmond June 25-July 1. Battles of Oak Grove, near Seven Pines, June 25. Savage Station June 29. Glendale June 30. Malvern Hill July 1. At Harrison's Landing until August 15. Movement to Centreville August 15-26. Pope's Campaign in Northern Virginia August 26-September 2. Action at Bristoe Station (or Kettle Run) August 27. Battles of Groveton August 29. Bull Run August 30. Chantilly September 1. Duty in the Defences of Washington until November 1. Movement to Falmouth, Va., November 1-28. Duty near Falmouth November 28-December 11. Battle of Fredericksburg, Va., December 12-15. At Falmouth until April 27, 1863. "Mud March" January 20-24. Operations at Rappahannock Bridge and Grove Church February 5-7. Chancellorsville Campaign April 27-May 6. Battle of Chancellorsville May 1-5. Gettysburg (Pa.) Campaign June 11-July 24. Battle of Gettysburg July 1-3. Pursuit of Lee to Manassas Gap, Va., July 5-24. Wapping Heights July 23. Duty near Warrenton until October. Bristoe Campaign October 9-22. McLean's Ford October 15. Advance to line of the Rappahannock November 7-8. Kelly's Ford November 7. Mine Run Campaign November 26-December 2. Payne's Farm November 27. Duty near Brandy Station until May, 1864. Demonstration on the Rapidan February 6-7. Campaign from the Rapidan to the James May 3-June 15. Battles of the Wilderness May 5-7; Spottsylvania May 8-12; Spottsylvania Court House May 12-21. Assault on the Salient ("Bloody Angle") May 12. Harris Farm (or Fredericksburg Road) May 19. North Anna River May 23-26. Ox Ford May 23-24. On line of the Pamunkey May 26-28. Totopotomoy May 28-31. Cold Harbor June 1-12. Before Petersburg June 16-18. Siege of Petersburg June 16 to October 12, 1864. Jerusalem Plank Road June 22-23. In trenches before Petersburg until July 12. In Reserve Camp until July 26. Demonstration on north side of the James July 27-29. Deep Bottom July 27-28. In trenches until August 12. Demonstration north of the James August 13-20. Strawberry Plains, Deep Bottom. August 14-18. Ream's Station August 25. Before Petersburg until October 12. Non-Veterans mustered out at Trenton, N.J., September 7, 1864. Veteran Battalion consolidated with 8th New Jersey Infantry October 12, 1864.

### Notable events mentioned in the letters:

President Lincoln seen, Oct. 23, 1861.  
The ironclad ship *Monitor*, seen, Apr. 19/30 1862.  
Deserter executed, Dec. 24, 1864.  
Negative reaction to the Emancipation Proclamation, Dec. 25, 1862.  
General Lee surrenders, April 9, 1865.

### Place of Origin of Letters

First	Last	Location	State	Camp Name
<b>1861</b>				
Oct. 23	Nov. 30	Meridian Hill, Washington	DC	Camp Casey
Dec. 15		Stump Point	MD	Camp Baker
<b>1862</b>	Mar. 15	"	"	"
Apr. 8		Williamsburg	VA	
?		Yorktown	VA	Camp Winfield Scott
Apr. 19		Cheeseman Creek near Yorktown	VA	Camp of the 5th NJ Vols.
Apr. 30		near Yorktown	VA	Camp Winfield Scott
May 6		Williamsburg	VA	
May 13		near West Point	VA	
May 23		Baltimore Cross Roads, 4 miles from the Chickahominy River	VA	
May 27		ten miles from Richmond	VA	
Jun. 9		near Washington		Camp of the 8th NJ Vols.
Jun. 12	Jun. 15	Fair Oaks	VA	
Jul. 6		James River	VA	
"		City Point on James River	VA	
Jul. 8	Aug. 12	near Harrison's Landing	VA	
Sep. 6		near Alexandria	VA	
Oct. 1	Oct. 16	near Alexandria	VA	Camp Hooker
Oct 17		near Alexandria	VA	Camp Hearney
Nov 16		Manassas Junction	VA	
Dec 21		near Falmouth	VA	
<b>1863</b>	Jan 8	"	"	
Jan. 8	Jan. 18	near Fredericksburg	VA	
Jan. 29	Apr. 27	near Falmouth	VA	Camp of the 6th NJ Vols.
?		to Gettysburg via Frederick City	PA	
Aug 8th	Aug 26	Near Beverly Ford on the Rappahannock	VA	Camp of the 5th NJ Vols.
Sep. 21	Oct. 1	near Culpepper	VA	Camp of the 6th NJ Vols.
Oct 21		Catlett's Station	VA	Camp of the 6th NJ Vols.
Dec 7		near Brandy Station	VA	Camp of the 6th NJ Vols.
<b>1864</b>	May 3	near Brandy Station	VA	Camp of the 6th NJ Vols.
Jun. 26	Jul. 11	near Petersburg	VA	
Aug. 16		near Malvern Hill	VA	Camp of the 6th NJ Vols.
Aug 27		Trenton	NJ	home
Sep. 2	Nov. 26	near Petersburg	VA	Fort Crawford
Dec. 6		Popular Grove	VA	Camp of the 8th NJ Vols.
Dec. 15	Dec. 24	Near Yellow House	VA	Camp of the 8th NJ Vols.
<b>1865</b>				
Jan. 7	Jan. 30	near Petersburg	VA	Camp of the 8th NJ Vols.
Feb 22		Trenton	NJ	home
Mar. 14	Mar. 27	near Hatcher's Run	VA	Camp of the 8th NJ Vols.
Apr. 16		near Burkeville Station	VA	Camp of the 8th NJ Vols.
May 3		road to Richmond	VA	Camp of the 8th NJ Vols.
May 10		near Fredericksburg	VA	Camp of the 8th NJ Vols.
May 16	July 13	near Washington		Camp of the 8th NJ Vols.

**Meradian Hill Oct. 23rd 1861**

Dear Brother,

I expect you have thought that I have forgot you but I have not Charley it is very rainy and muddy here to day I dont know hardly what to tell you about we have been in Alexandria Virginia and the first night we came there we slept in the House where Elaworth was killed and then we encampt about a 1/2 a mile out of town we was their a few days when we was ordered to Guard the town and he had nice times when we where their is a good many Houses deserted and the pepole have left and gone in the southern army and one Splendid Brick House where the pepole left it and they left one of their Slaves and all their Furniture and things so I got acquainted with the Slave and he give me a good many things out of the house he give me as much writing paper as i could carry and a splendid large Shale it is worth 6 or 8 dollars it is new and never been wore he said a young fellow that live there Brought it and never but once or twice it would do for you this winter in place of an over coat and if i can send it on any way why i will this is a secesionist sheet of writing which he give and I thought I would send it to you so you can tell the folks that a Slave give it to me out of a secesionist house I have got three or four more sheets of it and all the fellows wants to Bury it no more at Present your affectionate Brother

Edward Fox

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**Camp Casey Maredian Hill Oct 23rd, 1861**

Dear Brother

I must try to send you a few lines to let you know that I am doing well and are well satisfied here. Charley our camp is changed from Camp Lincoln to Camp Casey the Brigadear General of our Brigade's name being Casey. We are still at the same place and our Regt is doing well I suppose you know Eddy is here he is not been to see me for 2 days on account of it raining we have it very easy rainy days and we do nothing but sit in our tents writing and talking about you all at home. We was reviewed on Monday beside another Brigade by Gen Casey it was a splendid sight there being 10,000 Troops altogather President Lincoln Wife and little girl were all there in a carriage beside a large number of people and every thing passed of nicely. I expect the Home Guards made a great fizzle on account of the rain in Trenton. Charley you must tell some of the Home Guards to come down here and they can soon learn to drill. I wrote to Mary Warner and expect you have seen the letter as I told her to show it to you. Charley tell me when you write if there has been anything sent to me and who by as Joe and Uncle John said Mr Jones sent me something and you sent me some ink I only want to know if they have been sent yet. I wish some of you could send me them red drum sticks of Eddys. Joe knows them they are good ones and I would like to have them. Charley I see a great many Trenton Folks here but have not knowed many yet I expect I will be a very good

wash woman by the time I get back as we wash our own Clothes twice a week and the beds we have are the ground for feathers and my India Rubber blanket under me and then wrap myself up in my Blanket with my Over Coat on which seems just as good as a feather Bed now the Rubber blanket is a very good thing to have and no soldier should be without them. It is a very Pleasant Place were we are now as we have a beautiful sight for a great way in Virginia we are always very anxious when the mail comes for we all want the first letter I have quite a number now for I keep answering as fast as I get them but I will have to stop writing to so many as I cant find news for them all. I have just been having something good from Trenton one of the drummer had a box sent him and himself and I thought we was home for a while. I have an invatation to one of the tents in our company to devour some sweet meats from Trenton so Charley you see we get something good once and awile. Charley you must write and let me know how you are all getting along tell Joe I am waiting for his letter give my love to all the folks and excuse my poor letter as I am in a hurry to go on dress Parade.

From you affectionate Brother

Saml. M. Fox

dont forget the drum sticks.

Tell Joe he must be getting fat as Johnny Cosy tells me he weighs 60 lbs. Eddy sends his love to you all and said he would write soon.

Tell George I will write to him soon. Hurrah for the Union Charley.

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### **Camp Casey Nov. 17th 1861**

Dear Brother,

I now take the opportunity of sending you a few more lines hoping to find you all well. I received a letter from George and Joe was sorry to hear that Joe was unwell. Charley tell Joe if he is sick much he need not go to School this winter and can recite his Lessons at home also say to Mrs. Casey if she thinks best for Joe to stay from school this winter I am perfectly willing he shall quit as I know he is not healthy and think it best to look to his health while he is young I take all responsibility on myself so she can act for me. I send Joe \$2.00 for to save or put to a good use I sent George 10.00 and told him to get Joe Boots. Eddy Regt will be paid next week I expect I dont think we will go to South Carolina by the looks of things but I will always write to some of you so you can always know were I am. Charley it is very cold here now and we are all anxious to get in Barricks or go down south farther but I think the Jersey Boys can stand much as any of them and by next spring I think we will be in Trenton.

I expect you seen all about our mares in Joes Letter Eddy was in my tent yesterday just before I got Joes letter so I have not had a chance to show him the letter nor Topsy's Hair but I know he will Laugh when I show it to him. Charley tell George if he has not sent my under shirts to get Joe to look for my buckskin gloves I think they are in my old over Coat and send them to for we cant get in Washington to buy anything. Charley you must excuse me for not writing more than I do as it is hard to find news for all but I will do the best I can you can show Joe the letter and give him the money we dont get much so a great deal cant be expected I send the remainder of my money to Annie. I shall have to close by sending my love to all our folks Eddy joins in the same hoping to find you all well as Eddy and myself are at Present. I bid you Adeiu

I remain your affectionate Brother Saml. M. Fox

Tell Joe to write again soon and you and George to let me know if you get this letter.

P.S. give my best wishes to all inquiring Friends.

### **Camp on Meradian Hill Nov 30th 1861**

Dear Brother

I thought I would write you a few lines we are now about to leave for Agua Creek and the 8th regt left this morning and we are to leave to morrow I have sent your shawl I promised you I sent it By Mr. Striker he belongs he belongs to Company A. in trenton he said he would leave it with Sturl Rullen so you can see him and get it. Tell Joe that I will send him a Present as soon as I see something nice Charley tell me have mutch weigh I weight one hundred and one pounds with my coat off I want to see if you can beat that I am gaining every day when I come home I expect to start a store of some kind when you write direct your letters the same as you did before and we will get them. and tell george the same and tell Sturl pullen so to and we will get the letters all right give my respect to tall the Boys. tell Joe I got Topsy's hair that he sent me tell him and George to write I will write the next letter to Joe.

From your Brother E. D. Fox

I made a great mistake with this letter it was a large sheet of Paper and I cut it after I had wrote it and that is the reason why you see this writing so scatered.

### **Dec. 3rd 1861**

Dear Brother

I received your letter also Joes and Mr Joneses to day since I wrote to Trenton last we have moved to Bum Point Madowama Creek and expect to move to Budds Point in a day or so opposite the Rebels Battaries on the Potomac we come in Steam Boats all the way but 13 miles walking the rest and had a gay time of it we waded through water up to our waist and mud to our knees but are now in our tents. Tell Joe and all I was glad to hear from them and happy to hear they was well as I am at present. I cant write much know as I have not much time an account of the mail leaving you want me to tell you about getting a job drumming here I think you can get a job either in the 5th or 6th we are 1 drummer short but Eddy has been trying to get transferred to our Ret. Now it is as I said I expect you can get in one or the other but you must know first you will see some pretty hard times marching. But I dont want to discourage you all I can say is stay Home if possible if not you can come and see you take the Boat from Washington to this place (G. St. Warf Washington is were we started from. I wrote to Annie to not write until I sent word and to let you all know but I get the mail just the same now some of you write to her and let her know. We are all doing well here our whole Brigade is here the 5 and 7 will be here to day they started 1 day after us. Tell Joe and Charley I will write as I can and tell Joe to let me know if his hen laid that Egg in his next I will write to Joe in a few days you need not think strange when I dont write as we march sometime before we know it. I will now have to close Eddy is not here yet.

From your affectionate Brother S. M. Fox

Direct as before to Washington D. C.

All the Boys send there best respect to you.

five my love to Joe and Charley and show them this letter.

We have only stopped here for a day or so to wait for the 5th and 7th we will move 2 miles further then and encamp.

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### **Camp Baker Stump Point Maryland Dec. 15th 1861**

Dear Brother,

It is with pleasure I send you these lines on this beautiful Sabbath Day. Charley there is nothing new occured here since I wrote last our vessels continue to run the rebels blockade. We heard very heavy firing all day yesterday in the direction of Bull Run to day our gun Boats are firing on a rebel Battery a little way above us I have not been down to see them but just heard we drove them out. You may have seen in the Papers about a deserter coming over to Gen Hookers head quarters from the rebels he told our men there was over 200 men wanted to desert in this regt. Eddy showed me your letter to him and I have just got one from joe tell Joe I will answer his letter soon also I will see Eddy about the money. I was glad to hear George had got work and hope he may have it steady. I



felt very sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Jones Child which was such a nice little Babe. We have had it very cold here nights and have got a small stove in our Tent which makes it very warm and we enjoy it very much. Our Boys has just brought in a Shell which the rebels fired over in our Battery which did not burst -- it weighs 64 lbs they say our Boats was firing in the woods to see if there was any more Batterys there when a new Battery fired on them one ball hitting one of our boats the Harriet Lane them run up and fired shots every one bursting in their Battery silencing them right away we have a Battery on our side which is also firing to day -- Charley we hear cannon firing all the time here which makes it lively in Camp. Our Officers say we will be home in time to draw the 1st Pay after we get ours on New Year here. I hope it may be so not because I am tired of soldiering but to see our Glorious Union once more at Peace I will have to come a close by sending my love to all Our Folks. Eddy joins in the same.

I remain Your Loving Brother Saml M. Fox

I expect a Letter from Annie soon as I have written to her. Tell Joe I will let him know what to do wit my shirts when I write to him. Tell him I got the Feathers and are going to show them to Eddy.

P.S. I have just had some good things which Aunt Sarah sent Eddy & me from Philadelphia. Eddy wrote to her and she answered him and sent us some Apples Cakes and Candies dried Beef which we enjoyed very well.

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### **Camp Baker Stump Point Maryland Jan. 1st 1862**

Dear Brother,

I have just got an opportunity to answer your letter which I was happy to get. Charley I have had a letter from Annie she said you had wrote to her and she was about answering your Letter I also have gave her Directions as she is going to send him a book she says it was very dull in Brooklyn on christmas they all well I will say no more as you will have a letter soon from her. I got a Letter form Joe saying he and Mrs. Jones was going to send my Box on Tuesday and I expect it way while I are writing tell Joe I had better wait until I get my Box before I write to him we dont get them for a week after they get to Washington sometime as our Quarter Master has to get them in Washington and bring them to us by the Boat he generally waits until quite a number is there before bringing them. I may write sooner to Joe but he must not think strange if I wait longer. You want me to come on to Trenton after we have been out six months I expect we can get a furlough that will be about a month of I can then I will however I dont think it will be many months before we will be home for good judging from our Officers talk. I see our Government have given up Mason Slidell & Co. which I suppose will settel all the difficulty with England and made the Rebels feel quite sick as they want help very bad just now. Charley I expect you will be quite a house keeper when Mr. and Mrs. Nickelson gets back I often cook something extra down here and I think we will have to

see who can beat when I get back. I showed your letter to Eddy but have not seen him for a day or two as we have been busy I will see him to night and show Joes letter to him I see him every day on Dress Parade but dont get a chance to speack to him then. The Bands arrived here on Monday for the 5th, 7th, & 8th Regiments but our Band can beat them all. We are all laying in our tents singing to day as we have New Year for a holiday. The Rebels are quite still across the river now they fired a gun at 12 o clock last night for New Year our men also fired several. I have 3 more Letters to write to day and will have to draw a close although this is not a very happy New Year Day to the American People but we must all offer an earnest Prayer to God for a speedy settelment of this Rebellion. So wishing you may all have good health I will close hoping to hear from you soon as convenient.

I remain Your Affectionate Brother Saml. M. Fox

Give my love to all our folks and tell them to accept the wish of a happy new year not leaving yourself out.

Eddy and myself are in good health and wish you the same good luck.

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### **Camp Baker Monday Jan. 20th 1862**

Dear Brother

I received your Letter of the 12th and was happy to hear from you. It has been Snowing and Raining together here for near two weeks and has not cleared up yet you would not beleive how muddy it is down here in Dixie but we have got used to it now and dont care much wether it clears off or not. I would like to hear form Grandmother you must let me know how she is in your next letter I think it will agree with Uncle Charles down here after he is here a wile as some of our men who has never been very healthy picks up fast and can stand as much as the Strongest here. I was glad to hear of the State Street Church have such good luck and was much pleased to hear of Aunt Mary's fine Present. I have not received an answer from Annie yet but expect to soon. I am also expecting an answer from Joe as wrote to him after I received my Box Charley I had a fine time over the nice things in it Eddy helped me to devour the contents and we both felt a little home sick after having such a treat from home. George wrote to me saying he was out of work and wanted to come here as a drummer I answered his letter and expect he will come if George cant get anything to do it will be better for him here than doing nothing I opposed him coming once but said nothing against it this time as I dont beleive we will have to move from here until we come home and I expect to Eat my Fourth of July dinner in Trenton and hope I wont be disappointed. If George does come Charley tell him to get me a small screw driver from Mr. Jones he will know what size I want it for two small screws on my Drum. also a small pair of pliers. We expect to be paid off this week if we do I will send you and Joe both something. I was over to see Eddy the other day he has it very nice in this Tent and Capt. Gould thing the world of him I like Gould much better

that Capt. Ewing and we are glad Ed is with him. Eddy is very partial with an old Colerd Man who cooks for this Captain and often has something extra for his meals. I have nothing in the way of war news to send the Rebels often fire at us but have not done us any damage yet I think they will have to do there best soon as there time is short. With these few lines I will have to come to a close hoping my letter may find you all in good health as it leaves Eddy and Myself I will conclude by

Remaining you affectionate Brother Samuel M. Fox

P.S. give my love and Eddys to all our folks.

Stand by the Flag that is an honor to all who respects it.

[drawing of two crossed staff American flags with motto, "I will protect you all, 6 N.J. Vol."]

### **Headquarters Camp Baker M.D. Feb. 2nd 1862**

Dear Brother

I received your Letter and was happy to hear you was all well. Eddy and I have been out taking a walk to day along the Patomac we had an Opera Glass and had a fine view of the Rebels Batteries we seen the Baggage wagons very plain going up the hills over in Dixie we had 2 more with us and when we come back we had a great time trying to shoot a rabbit one of our Party fired 3 times and missed Mr. Rabbit. Eddy fired next and missed also the last done worse than all we had a sword along one of our Fifers crawled behind the stump and made a dive at Bun and pened him in his hole were he sat we all made a charge on him then thinking we had him ceartin but in reaching out Mr. Rabbit give a spring and left us in double quick time. This is the first fight we have had down here and we will give in we were defeated on account of having a poor commander. It has cleared off at last down here and we welcomed the beautiful Sun on Saturday afternoon as we would welcome our dear friends at home as we began to think the sun only shone hear at ceartin parts of the years, but we feel like soldiers again nothing to complain of and when I am so situated I feel as happy as the happiest. I suppose you and Joe have recieved your money before this I sent you \$1.00 and Eddy sent 4.00 to Joe the boots I bought made a hole in my money and I want to save all I possibley can so I could not spare any more. I feel rather glad George has enlisted as he can save more by being here than home however we will see now how the three Foxes makes out in the saving list. I feel confident of being home to spend my fourth of July with you so you and Joe be good and see how your brother Sam has made out by going a soldiering. Charley I have no war news to send you form this point the seceeshs give us a little music most every day with there cannon but that has got to be very common with us now. I am glad to see Uncle Charles likes it sown here and hope it may be a good thing for him. give my love to him

and tell joe I wish him sucess. I will have to close now hoping my letter may find you all in good health.

I remain you Affectionate Brother Samuel M. Fox.

[Drawing of shield with stars and stripes and motto, "The Jerseys For Ever."]

Write soon Charley.

P.S. you must excuse this writing for my pen has grease on it and mont hold ink i have more and will do better next time.

Give my love to George Joe Grand Mother and aunt Mary folks and take out a portion yourself.

### **Camp Baker Lower Potomac, Maryland Feb. 15th 1862**

Dear Brother

I recieved your well written Letter of the 9th and was happy to hear from you also to see how you improve both in writing and composing a Letter. We have had a few days fine wether there but it has commenced snowing again now which we dislike very much. Charley our Division Surgeon died with the heart disease on Monday and was taken to the landing on Thursday to be conveyed to his Home his name was Dr. Bell it was the most splended Funeral Procession I ever seen all the Staff Officers in our Division attended and all on Horses Charley you can imagine what a beautiful sight it was to see 100 Officers in Horses all fine looking men and Horses it was a sight I would not have missed seeing for a great deal. We are all in good spirits here after our recent Victories and all agree in saying down with rebellion we have commenced now let us finish it in double quick time. We have been expecting George every day Eddy & I were pleased to hear you had both got your Money. Eddy is a little jelous of me getting so many letters he wants you to write to him I think it will be best to change about write to Ed first and me next then he will not complain. I wrote to Joe and are expecting an answer I spoke to him about going to live with Aunt Ann and I think it best as Nancy dont know what she is going to do. I expect you have had a fine Military display over Col. Allen's Body before this but it would not be much to us here as we see nothing by Soldiers now. I received a Letter from Anne yesterday I will tell her to write to you and Joe she got my money safe. all the folks is well Annie has fine times skating Uncle John Mr. Grey and all go together taking several of the girls in the neighborhood with them. I will have to close now by sending our love to you all in good health as my letter leaves us at present.

From your affectionate Brother Samuel M. Fox

Charley your flag is drawn and Painted very nice all in my tent say you are a smart Boy.

99 Cheers for Com Foote & Porter

99 for Burnside & Goldsborough

And may our Army and Navy continue victories over the Traitors

who I hope will soon see there folly of Seccession

(I had forgot to give you 9 cheers for your FLAG)

Charley since I finished my letter I received a Tribune Paper form you and also was surprised to see George arrive in camp he looks first rate and I was glad to see him he is in the Tent with me Eddy is over to see us to day and we all Join in sending our love to you all

Yours Geo. W. Fox

### **Camp Baker Lower Potomac Feb. 27th [1862]**

Dear Brother

I received your letter to day and was glad to hear from you must Excuse me for not writing sooner George and Samy are well and Samy got a letter from you he says he will answer it in a few days there is not mutch news here to tell you about tell me what John Yard is doing now I herd her Paynter [?] is Ragged and got not home. Charley I have got a little Dog I would like to send you if I knowed how to send him I expect you begin to grow by this time but I guess I beat you I weigh one hundred and five Pounds I dont know wether you can beat that or not I expect Elwood Faw is big as an Elefant by this time I should of like to of seen the Parade and Illumination on Washington Birthday but I see Enough Soldiers here I can see fifteen thousand a day Charley perhaps there well be something to write about in a few days and I will write to you it is getting late at night and pretty near tattoo by sending my love to you and Joe tell him I will write to him in a few days.

From you Affectionate Brother Edward Fox

### **Camp Baker Lower Potomac Maryland March 3rd 1862**

Dear Brother

I now take the opportunity of answering your letter to me. I was glad to year you was well and also happy to inform you we are all well here. I expect you had a fine time on Washington's Birth Day with your Military and the illumination at night. I had heard of our Victory in Tennessee and of all cheering you never heard as there was in our differant Encampments and we agree with the People at home that Seccesh is near gone under however we must not feel disappointed to hear of a reverse because such is to be expected but we will now soon fix old Jeff off because our Soldiers are full of fight and have forgotten the word defeat. George is well and is going to write to you soon to day if he gets a chance. charley you want to know how I am getting along with Drumming of course I wont brag but still I have learned quite fast and think by the time I get home you can call me a Drummer to without feeling ashamed, but still I shall not continue long with the Drum after the war is over as I have got enough of the Plaything already, however I will give Charley & Joe a few of my best beats and then quite. Charley Eddy has got another Little Dog we are all Laughing away now at a good rate at him. I keep him in my tent for him is Black with a White Breast and is full of fun he will run after sticks and fight the snow we have a great deal of fun with him which we like down here. We have had another Snow Storm and it has not cleared off yet but has stopped Snowing we are so tired of wet weather here that we hardly know what to do with ourselves but lay in our tents which we are tired of however we are living in hopes of seeing some fine weather soon. We have got a Cannon here presented to our Government by the Loyal Americans in England that are the Whitworth Gun's Gen Hooker tried them at the Rebels Batteries the other day and threw about 10 shells in there

Batterie they are five guns throwing 10 lb Balls and we can give the Rebels a shake now just when we please. We were also reinforced last night by Battery D 1st New York Artillery of 4 Peices Rifelled. We have rumors of crossing here soon if we do I will endeavour to write to you before we do so if I do not get a chance you will hear from me soon if we should cross. I suppose Joe has got my Picture and Letter before this as I sent both together I will now come to a close but will soon write again believe me to remain

Your loving Brother S. M. Fox

We all join in sending our Love to you all.

Write Soon

Drummer Sam

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### **Camp Baker Lower Potomac March 15th 1862**

Dear Brother

I received your Letter and have just got an opportunity to answer it. I suppose you have heard of the Rebels evacuating the Batteries opposite us it was a great sight they left at

night and left some Cavalry behind to destroy what was left behind which they done the next day they blew up there magazines and burnt the Steamer George Page and two Scooners our Gun Boats Yankee & Anacosta ran down and threw Shell in there Batteries and in the Woods for 2 hours then landed and raised the Stars & Stripes on the Flag Pole we have seen the mean little Rebel Flag on so long. the next day the 5th New Jersey & 1st Massachusetts crossed over and destroyed all they could not which was a Large quantity of shot & shell and all the Cannon we did not want we brought our splendid Cannon away they got from England the large Cannon they took from us at Bull Run was there with a piece bursted out we throwed all the cannon in the River we did not want. the next day Compy B & D of our Regt was ordered over to advance farther on I took a musket and went with my Compy we went to a place called Dumfries and had a fine time we got any quantity of clothes & Blankets and Burned many things we could not take we was there some time when we seen 50 Rebel Cavalry on a high Hill looking at us our Compy went a skirmishing after them with Capt Ewing heading while Co D acted as reserves we got within 200 yards of them and they ran away like a cat would from a Dog we was busy all day after them as they would come in sight about every hour but our force was only 100 and we could not surround them we blew up a house packed with shell and Cartridges the next day and left for home with one old Seccesh who told the caverlry we was coming after them after getting back to camp we had a good rest the next day 700 of our Regt was order back to Dumfries to capture all we could belonging to old Jeff 10 Drummers went and George & Sam was along we scared the Cavalry this time on entering the town and did not see them again Co B went after them but Horses went faster than men so we left them going at 2.40 we found many new Places were the left there things we brought Boats up Occuguan Creek to Dampfries and loaded a large quantity of Clothing Blankets one Ambulance of the largest size one forge with all the Blacksmiths tools complete we wanted this very bad as we had none a large quantity of Axes & Shovels was taken from the 1st Texas Camp we took several thousand dollars worth and done well. I got a lot of Drum Heads 3 nice shirts some seccesh letters they left most all behind so I think they left in a great hurry. I will have to come to a close now as I cant tell all now we took from the seceshs. George Eddy & I all join in sending our love and hope you all well as we are at present.

I remain your Affectionate Brother Saml. M. Fox

I send you are report of the sick in the texas regt I got over there.

I got a letter from Annie she says she is going to write to you and Joe soon she is well.

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### **Camp at Williamsburgh April 8th [18]62**

Dear Brother

This is the first chance to send you this letter. Our Regiment lost 211 Killed Wounded and missing. I wish you to send me a Trenton paper with an account of the battle in also

Frank Leslie's Pictorial with the picture in if there is any. We are all well. George Mager was killed. I saw him buried yesterday. Tell Grandmother that we are safe. [the following is crossed out] please give the enclosed note to

G. W. Fox

### **Camp Winfield Scott near Yorktown V.A.**

Friend Cochrane

I expect you have given up hearing from me any more but I have a good excuse for myself. I and George was taken sick before we left our old camp in M.D. and now George has got quite strong but I am pretty weak yet but am gaining slowly considering the bad weather. I asked Smith to write to you and tell you I was sick and he said he would but the men has it very hard now so he will have to be excused. Alex I would like to tell you a great deal but am not able to write much but Ill do all I can. We Hookers Big Embarked last Saturday Week for Fortress Monroe we thought our Regt got on Board the John Brooks and on Monday Morning about 1 O clock we started Our boat went to Fortress Monroe and I tried to see all I could but the Monitor was the main object in view you seen the picture of her in Frank Leslie's well that is just her right out Fortress Monroe is a fine Place and very Large mounting a Large number of guns. We left there after staying about 3 hours and soon found ourselves at Ship Point Lately occupied by the Rebels We landed here George & I going in a Rebel Log House used for our Hospital so you may know we had a very unpleasant trip We received very poor treatment here so we went to our Regt Hospital which is a Large Tent there we done well and was fed well by we did not remain here long the Doct told all those who could not sleep in There Tents to go to the General Hospital all went but George & I we went to our tent which we carry with us 3 men can form one tent. We still remain in our chicken coop and done pretty well. I heard the 1 Brigade landed at Ship pt the other day and found out the whole of Frankburg Division was there this suited me expecting to see my old companions and I was not Disappointed for the first thing I knowed up come Smith Anderson Zink Vanhart & Bucklue. you can judge my feelings I had been laying in my tent all day unable to walk any. but when I see them I was out in a minute--- forgetting all my sickness but I soon had S & Al in my tent and we had a good old Talk Smith looks fine Al looks bad he is Pale and thin but it may be natural Frank Thorn was left behind in the Hospital with the Typhoid Fever. they are all embarked again now and expect to run up some river to Yorktown when the Ball opens which will soon be now. Our Division is on the Extreme right of the Right Wing so we may expect some work unless it is all Artillery fighting which we have plenty of it is a solid mass of tents here as far as the eye can see two of our men was wounded last night on Picket both shot by one Ball it went the one mans leg into the others one man in the 5th was wounded the same night seriously the Ball entering his Breast We are building Batteries now and they are near completed I see them hauling Mortars down to the Batteries with 20 horses drawing them we are not allowed to drum here all calls has to be told by the word of mouth I must now close excuse by poor Letter



an account of Sickness I am getting Stronger now and will son try to send you a better one I a again ask you to excuse the writing and Letter I hope to see you soon and talk about Politicks I Dont feel able to say any thing now only that the Election suits me very well.

Remember me to be your Old Friend & Companion Samuel M. Fox

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**Friday April 19th, 1862 Camp of the 5th regt**

Cheeseman Creek near York Town

Dear Brother

I thought I would write your a few lines to let you know where we are we are very near York Town and dont know what day we may go in Battle we are all ready and Victory is bound to be ours we left Lower potomic on the 6th and started for Fortress Monrow for York Town George and Samy has been prety sick but they are get better and sent their love to you we are camped along a Creek and we get all the Oysters we can eat I dont have nothing to do Genl McCleland wont allow to near the Emeney Charley I will write to you in a few days and let you know the news give love to Jo and George and Samy send theirs nor more at present

From Your Affectionate Brothers Edward Fox

write soon

address your letters to me in Care of Capt Gould 5th regt N.J. Vol Hookers Div  
Washington D C

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**Camp Winfield Scott Virginia near Yorktown**

Dear Brother

Since I received your last Last Letter we have had a move of over 150 miles we embarked on the Large Steamer John Brooks and our whole Division went on Different Boats we got off on monday morning last and reached Fortress Monroe on Tuesday and Charley I seen some very great sights I seen the Moniter and the Picture in Frank Leslies Paper is exactly like her. we left Fortress Monroe on Tuesday afternoon and come to our Place were we now are we have a very fine Camp Ground and have very curious Tents perhaps you seen them home each man carries a his Part of the tent and 3 or 4 goes together and they make a fine little Tent these tents was all made home. Charley we are not allowed to write anything concerning our movements now but after it is over I will

tell you George and me have been sick for the first time we are getting Better now we have had a bad Cold. Charley you must see Joe and let him read this also tell me how he is getting along and tell Johny we have not been Paid off yet tell Aunt Mary & Uncle Ralph we all send our love to them and main to tell Grandmother we all think of her and want to see her as soon as possible and I hope we may Charley I heard Mrs Irvin had a yound son for gracious sakes let me know if this is so an who she is married to. W have all the Oysters here we want out of the river here. Eddy is fat and hearty and likes it first rate down here Charley I will have to come to a close now but you may expect a letter one next time I had to hurry so for the mail and had no ink We all join in sending our love to you all and hope to find you well.

I remain your Affectionate Brother S. M. Fox

Tell Joe to be a good Boy as we expect to be home in 2 or 3 months and then for the Presents

Hurrah for our-side

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**Camp Winfield Scott April 30th [1862]**

Dear Brother

Eddy sent this Money (\$105.00) to you to keep for him. take \$5.00 of it for Joe and you keep it and get want he wants As we are in a hurry i will have to close as Mr Cook leaves for home this morning. Write and let us know if you received it all right. From you

Affectionate Bros. G & S M. Fox

Dont let anyone know that you have got this money

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**Williamsburgh May 6th 1862**

Dear Brother

We have just had a great battle with the rebels. They evacuated Yorktown Sunday morning and we started after them We marched all day without overtaken them and encamped for the night about 11 o clock It commenced raining at 2 o clock in the rebles cam upon them about 7 o clock. Charley tell Joe as soon as possible that you got this letter for he may worry about us. We are all 3 of us Ed, Sam and me are all safe. Sammy wants you to find out when Joe commenced boarding with Nancy and how much there was coming to Mrs Casey. We want to know if Joe is still boarding with Nancy and if he goes to school if he dont tell him that it is our wish for him to go answer this all in your

next letter and then Eddy will tell you what he wants you to do with his money Sammy, Eddy, and me are well and hope this will find you the same. Charley please tell all of our folks and friends that we came out unhurt. Charley the 2nd New Jersey Brigade done their duty as we were the advance of the Army. From your affectionate Brothers  
George W. Fox Samuel M. Fox Edward D. Fox

Hurrah for the Gallant 5th 6th 7th and 8th Regiments New Jersey Volunteers I will write the whole proceedings in my next as I have to hurry to get this in the mail

G. W. Fox

Write Soon

Charley go to Jones and Trimble and tell them we are safe. Sammy says tell Jack Jones he will write to him the first opportunity

### **May 13 th 1862 Camp near West Point Virginia**

Dear Brother

I received your letter some 2 weeks ago and delayed in answering it and George got a letter from you and answered it and you stated that you had received my Money I was glad to hear you had got it I would have sent it to you before but I had no way to send it I sent one hundred and five dollars and Charley I want you to put the hundred dollars in the Savings Bank in Green street think it is by Scots Book store there is a good many fellows got their Money there but you may put it in any of the Banks but I think that is the best place and it will be drawing more interest and I think by the time I get home I will have enough Money to start a nice little store don't tell the boys anything about it and don't tell uncle Ralph or any of them Charley we are now on our way for Richmond we are about forty miles from there I suppose you heard of the Battle of Williamsburg the Jersey Boys done all the fighting and got no praise for it that is about the way it always is we were the first in the fight and the last ones out and some of the New York troops ran like the devil and that Hancock's Brigade that New York papers speak of only had one little redoubt to take with about three thousand rebels in while our brigade and the first Brigade of Hancock's division were fighting the main fort and force of the rebels and there they numbered about sixty thousand and we were in mud up to our knees and only had two batteries of Artillery and the horses had to die in the mud and just to think of our two Brigades keeping back sixty thousand rebels and they had all the advantages in the world it was a horrible sight to see the poor fellows killed and wounded some with their legs off and some arms off and heads blowed off I had to help carry out the wounded out of the field I suppose you have heard of Lieut Calor being killed you know he was in our company we had about 12 killed and 15 taken prisoners from our Company I went out in the field when the Battle was over and I cut some Buttons of their coats and I will save them for you and Joe answer my letter as soon as you can and tell Joe that Sam says he must

Excuse him for not writeing and we can very seldom get paper to write on and tell Joe to tell nancy that Samy is going to send her some money in a few days George and Samy are well and sent their love to you and Joe I must now bring my letter to a close by sending my best repects to you and all my inquireing Friends

From your Affectionate Brother E D Fox

write soon

P.S. I have got ten dollars more to send you and as soon as you get that money in the Bank I will send it in my next letter to put that in to I will send money Whenever we get payed off E.D.Fox

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**May 13th 1862**

George give me this note to give to you

Dear Brother

I wish you would go down to Mrs Trimbl's and get that Frank Leslie's Pictorial or of you have a small Map of Virginia and sent it on to me by mail also, take a look at my Clothes and see if they are all right. Tell them that I saw Edward Trimble and he was well and hearty.

From your Affectionate Brother George W. Fox

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**Baltimore Cross Roads May 23rd 1862**

Dear Brother

As I now have an opportunity of writing a few lines to you I will try to give you some information as to where we are and how we are all getting along. We are now encamped at a Point called Baltimore Cross roads four miles from the Chickahomny River were there are a small force of Rebels they have had Burnt the Bridge and we will I expect have to Build it again and we may go on the main Road we cant tell what we are to do as we are ignorant of of. movements. We are now 15 or 20 miles from Richmond so you may know if we are victorious which we feel certain of we will soon see the Rebel Capital. We have marched over 50 miles since we disembarked from our fleet at Shipping Point and have seen some pretty hard times in the mud and Rain but still all of us are as joyful as if we were going through State Street. We were all surprised at the Rebels evacuating Yorktown when we saw their Fortifications as they surrounded the whole Town and were very strong as we were going by them we seen a very large

number of false graves containing Cannon as we have since learned they had head Boards all cut very nicely and all was done to deceive us but our Commander were to smart for them. We were very much troubled by Torpedoes placed in the ground from Yorktown to Williamsburg but afterwards Gen McClellan made the Rebel prisoners blow them all up we were not troubled by them any more. We are now encamped in a Pine Woods opposite a Splendid Mansion surrounded by a large field of grain we now have a fine chance of resting ourselves in the shade Charley you must tell Aunt Mary I shall write to her to morrow if we dont move on also that We all join in sending our love to Her Uncle Ralph Mary and Grandmother. Charley I send some Money to Nancy but cant tell how much untill I see Eddy as he intends helping. You must excuse me for not writing before as we are continually marching to different Places we being on the Reserve which causes us many Cross march so under the circumstances we are placed I think I am excusable I shall always write to you when the opportunity permits. Hoping to hear from you soon I will have to close as I have a few words to say to Joe.

I remain Your Affectionate Brother Samuel M. Fox

Charley show this to Joe and tell him he must write and not forget to go to school for awhile.

P.S. We all join in sending our love to Mrs. Irwin Nancy and all inquiring Friends

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**[No date given]**

Dear Brother

Joe I have a few words to say which I hope will not be disobeyed by you I have heard from several you were not going to School and all say alike it is a pity for you to waste time so as you are near old enough to go in a store then you will want all the learning which you now have the opportunity of getting so now make a new start and learn as fast as you can then you will soon be in a store. This is the request of George Eddy & Myself and we expect to see you a smart boy when we come Home which wont be long if we live. Joe I dont write much now as you can see in Charleys letter I would like to hear from you then I will comence anew. Your Affectionate Brother S. M. Fox

Charley I forgot to say George got your letter and Papers and we are obliged to you as we were anxious for them.

Charley I sent \$16.00 to Nancy now next Pay we will settle up the whole amount as George will receive his Pay then tell Nancy to send a receipt for this amount so I can keep a correct account. Your's S. M. Fox

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**Camp ten miles from Richmond May 27 1862**

Dear Brother

I received your letter and paper and was glad to hear from you we are marching Every day most and we have some pretty hard Marches Charley I hardly know what to write about as you have heard all about the Battle of Williamsburg the next move we make we expect to have another Battle we have just had an order read from Genl McClelland that we are to fight the last Battle of the Rebellion and he wants each man to have forty rounds of Cartridges and twenty rounds in their pockets and leave their Knapsacks this side of the Chickahominy river and that the army of the Potomac has never yet been checked and the stars and stripes must wave over Richmond so we don't know what moment we will march George and Sammy are well and they will write soon Charley that will do to put my money in the Trenton Bank and have a Book to set it down when ever I send it home I have got some to send now so when you answer this letter I will send it in my next letter you wanted to know what kind of store I was going to start I hardly know yet but I have been thinking about a Segar store tell me what you get a week a week now Charley I should think you have almost got your trade when you send any more paper send me the Trenton Paper it is near time for dress parade and I must close by sending my respects to you and Joe write soon

From your Affectionate Brother Edward D. Fox

### **June 3rd 1862 Camp of the 6th N.J.V**

Dear Brother

I hasten to write you a few lines to let you know that we are all safe and sound We have been into another Battle but it was not so severe on us as some of the rest of the Regiments as we did not go into the fight till Sunday morning and had been into it about one hour when the rebels retreated. The Battle commenced on Saturday morning about 1/2 past 11 o'clock and the rebels drove our men back for 2 miles but on Sunday morning we drove the rebels back again further than they were in the first place and we are now encamped where they were We had been encamped for a week about 6 miles from here. We get orders at 2 o'clock on Saturday to march on double quick and got to the battle field at dark so we laid on our arms all night and went into it early Sunday morning but Charley they could not stand before the Jersey Blues for we had not fired but 2 rounds when they began to fall back. We had but 2 of the Jersey Regiments the 5th and 6th as the 7th and 8th went to Bottom Bridge to guard government stores. Genl Hooker gives our Regiments the greatest praise and says he would rather have 2 Regts of Jersey Troops than a Brigade of any other. We are now within 5 miles of Richmond and expect to march on to day or tomorrow. Our Company lost 5 killed and 5 wounded Eddy, Samy, and myself are well and hearty but are tanned almost as black as negroes. Give my best respects to Grandmother, Aunt Mary, Joe and all of the rest of them. I will now have to close as the mail is about to go out so good bye till I write again (write soon)

From your Affectionate Brother George W. Fox

Direct your Letters the same as before.

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**Camp 8th New Jersey Vol Near Washington D.C. June 9th, 1862**

Dear Brother

I received your welcome Letter about an hour ago and was glad to hear from you and surprised to hear that you expect our Regt Home so soon.

There was one hundred and thirty seven one year men left our Regt some days ago whoes time expired before the 1st of October and some out of the 7th Regt and I suppose the Papers called them Regiments. We do not know when we will get Home it is hard to tell. We have all sorts of Rumors and I have come to the conclusion not to beleive anything anymore. We think the Goverment is useing us mean and to tell you the Truth we do not get enough Rations to Keep us alive and what we do get is not fit to eat All we get is Hard Tack and Salt Beef of the worst kind. We got more to eat and better when we where way down in Virginia, while now we are in sight of Washington & Alexandria.

I see by the Papers about Veterans Returning Home Now there has not been many of them come yet for most all that do come are Substitutes for one Year. Instead of us comming home first we are likely to be the last. We have been through everything and what few there is left I should think they would of left us come first, Never mind we will get there some time and we will have Scence enough to stay the next time. Marcus L. Ward has been here and I beleive he is trying to get us home as soon as he can.

Give my Love to Aunt Ann and the Girls and Hopeing you will soon se the 8th comming to Newark

I Remain Your Affectionate Brother Geo. W. Fox

Write Soon

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**Camp at Fair Oaks Va June the 12th [1862]**

Dear Brother

I received your letter to day and was glad to here from you I spoke in my last letter wether you had my money in the Bank and had it all right so as I could keep sending it when ever we got payed now I have sent fifty dollars to day and as soon as you get it let me know dont forget to write that will make one hundred and fifty dollars and every pay I

shall send my money home to you tell one if they give any Percentage at the Bank I sent the money by our Chaplain that is the way they all send their Money and I guess you will get it all right after another Battle and now we are expecting every day to have another and it will be the Battle of Richmond we are in line of Battle every day and it is pretty hard on us we dont have much sleep our Brigade has to go in the trenches this afternoon and stay until tomorrow afternoon I will write to you in a few days and tell you something about the Battle we had the other day we soon have to get ready for picket duty and I just bring my letter to a close by sending my love to you and Joe and also George and Samy sends theirs

From your Affectionate Brother Edward Fox

write soon

tell Joe I will certainly write to him as soon as I get an answer from you

**Fair Oakes Virginia June 15th 1862**

Dear Brother

I received your last Letter and was happy to hear you was all enjoying good health. Charley there has been nothing very exciting here since the last fight which I suppose you have seen the accounts of in the Paper It was an awful Battle and the Jersey Boys has again added an honor to their Little State as they fought as at Williamsburg as bravely as soldiers ever fought the 5th & 6th Regts got one Brig of the rebels on the run when Gen Hooker told us we had done enough and we could come out and the rest could keep them going. The weather is now very warm here we have small Trees placed in the ground throughout our whole camp which makes it very pleasant Our Regts has become very small by sickness and our loss in Battle the whole number of effective men in our Regt now is 375 this being more than any of the other three we have on account of this had the 2nd New York attached to our Brigade they have been lately to Norfolk and now see what soldiering really is since they have joined with us. We all begin to feel like coming home and are very anxious to have another trail at the successes also to take there Capitol to see if it will bring us any nearer Home I think Little Mac will soon make a strike then look out and if we dont take Richmond it will astonish your Brother Samy very much. We all continue to enjoy good health and hope to be blessed so throughout this war then our happy days will come as I know how happy I should feel to see you all Charley we will so as the song says. Wait for the Wagon. Charley I send you \$15.00 for Nancy for Joes Board and I want you to get me 50 cts worth of 3ct Letter Stamps out of the 1 Dollar Bill and keep the rest for yourself And I want you to ask Joe how long he was at Philadelphia with Mrs Jones and if he went in the Country with Miss Irvin and tell me in your next letter as I want to keep an account of the time he is away from home. If Joe is in need of any Clothes and you have no money left that Eddy sent let me



know. Charley I beleive there is no more at present so I will come to a conclusion hoping you may all continue to enjoy good health and to hear from you soon.

I remain your Affectionate Brother Samuel M. Fox

WRITE SOON

Charley & Joe

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### **Camp near James River July 6th 1862**

Dear Brother

I received your letter of the 27th and was glad to hear from you and that you have got my money all right I am now prety tired after our retreat which I suppose you have herd of by this time we have marched night and day for the last two or three days the whole army is now Moveing a different route towards Richmond we hear in Camp that their is a Call for three hundred thousand more troops Charley I wouldnt mind being home now I am getting prety tired of it here I expect you think I am getting a good pile of Money home I am going to try to send you fifty dollars more this next pay and that will make two hundred dollars that will be a nice little pile to start Business it was a dull fourth of july with us down here we had nothing to eat all day but we have got plenty now sutch as it is they never could get me again if I was home a soldier's life is hard we had to burn our tents up when we retreated and we have had to lay our in the rain with nothing over us it is enough to kill a dog but we are able to have new tents in a day or two Charley if Aunt Ann is in Trenton when you get this letter give my love to her and George and Samy sends their's and tell granmother I will write to her soon I beleive this is all at present

From your Affectioante Brother Edward D. Fox

P.S. write soon

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### **Camp near City Point on James River V.A. July 6th 1862**

My Dear Relations

I again take the pleasure of answering your kind and welcome Letter of July 1st. I suppose you have heard many different reports in regards to the Army of the Potomac which your three Nephews ar in but it will only be usless for me to give you the full details of our retreat at this late hour as you must know all by this time. I can only say that we were the rear guard and our Noble Commander Gen Hooke must again have his due praise for conducting it so well. It was a splendid retreat as the Enemy were close on

us all the way they must have suffered terribly on the second day of our retreat we had an awful fight with them on an open field which our forces have wanted so long our Division were not in it but were on the reserve this having a chance to witness the whole affair our Artillery done the principle part of our fighting the Rebels came on again and again but were mowed down by hundreds every time and were forced to withdraw with a larger loss in killed than in any Battle that has occurred during this War I think. I think we were forced to make this retreat as our right wing were so over powered by the enemy but after looking at it all it is the best thing for us that would have happened as we were too weak to contend against the large force of Rebels now before Richmond. The Enemy suffered terribly by this move while our loss were very small and now we can move slowly on again while our reinforcements arrive. we are now only 16 miles from Richmond and if Young America will arouse and come to our aid you will soon hear good news from the Rebel Capitol. We took a large number of Prisoners and of all looking men these beat all as Eddy and I were looking at some two hundred he said to me I dont see how such men as them can whip us and I assure you we are far superior to them and when they whip us they must have 4 to our 1 and this they now have here I beleive. In conclusion I call our recent move a great victory which you at home cant see so well as us here. We are now in a Beautiful Woods and have a fine stream of water to bath in one of the best things in the world for Soldiers and I assure you we enjoy it very much. We are all tired of war here all talk in camps now is about home sweet Home where we will be happy if we are spared to see it once more. When I reached the part of your Letter were you spoke of Annie keeping House for us when we come Home how happy it made me feel I could fairly realize the time was here for us all to have a happy future to drown our past troubles I can only say may the day soon come then look out for Sam. We recd all the Papers from you and return our thanks for them as I have said so many times it is our delight to get the news why I read all the Advertisements in the Trenton Paper to see how everything is going on in old Trenton let me tell you all from Home is read by us with a warm heart. How I would love to be Home now to see Aunt Ann for I always loved her so she always reminds me of my Dear Mother so much I hope she will bear well with the trouble now on her mind. We all continue to remain well although many are sick the wether being so warm and the water so very bad. Our 4th of July celebrated by the firing of cannon and the many hands playing National Airs we all topped of with a hard Cracker and retired for the night. I must now draw to a close the day being so warm give my love to all and accept a good portion fir yourself I will now close hoping to hear from you all soon.

I remain your Affectionate Nephew Sam. M. Fox

P.S. Please excuse all as I are very warm I can hardly have the patience of Job which we need here.

Tell all to write soon

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**Camp near Harrisons Landing July 8th 1862**

Dear Brother

I thought I would write you a few lines to let you know I am well and this will find you the same I just received a paper from you and I also got the other two papers and letter you sent me we have been payed of and I sent you thirty-five dollars by Mr Cook I suppose you have got it by this time and I want you to take one dollar for yourself I would of sent more but that is all I could rake up I give Sammy give dollars to help pay nancy for Joe's Bord I got a letter from Col Murphy of the tenth regt. and he is trying to get me transfered to his regiment to be Drum Major but they say it is prety hard to get transfered I suppose you have herd of the Battle of Malveern Hill we went up there and routed the rebles and took six pieces of artelery and 100 prisoners I here that they are drafting in New Jersey I expect all the fellows are getting frightened espechaly John Cassey Charley tell me in your next letter if your eighteen yet I will be twenty years old the 25th of august dont you never think of coming if I was home once more they never could get me again this is a short letter but maybe their will be more news the next time george and Sammy are both well I belive this is all at Present

From your Affectionate Brother Edward Fox

P.S. Dont forget to take a dollar for yourself E Fox

if you have put it in the Bank I supose you can draw a dollar but if you cant write and tell me

one postage stamp in this letter

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**Camp near Harrisons Borrough, Va July 10th, 1862**

In the event of my death on the Battle field or otherwise while absent, the Trenton Banking Company will please pay to Charles H. Fox or order Such Money or Moneys as may from time to time be deposited by me and placed to my credit on the books of said bank. This Order to be void and of no effect should I live to return

Edward Fox

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**Dated at Camp near Harrisons Borrough Va July 10th 1862**

Camp near Harrisons Borough July 10th 1862

Dear Brother

I received your letter to day and was glad to hear from you it is very warm to day and we have just got done building Breast works and riffle pits we have got a line eighteen miles long and we are on a big hill and three or fewer forts with about twenty big siege guns in them I pity the rebles if they ever come before them it is all quiet now and I cant give you any news at present but we had a good many lives lost but the rebles must of had twice the number Charley we have so many Battles it is hard to tell you of them all but you can see the correct account of them all in the papers sammy has got a letter from annie to day. she has been worried about us but we are all safe and that is not so about George having his hand shot off Charley I wrote to you the other day I supose you have got my letter by this time I guess I have signed my name and camp and date all right on this order but Charley you say Mr Nichlsons say I can write an order for my Clothes I took it to be clothes tell me in your next letter I guess all the Millisha will have to come out now tell me if they are recruiting any in trenton now Charley I wish you would send me a trenton paper once and I will send some money for yourself no more at present

From your Affectionate Brother Edward Fox

write soon dont forget

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### **Camp of the 6th N.J.V.s Near Harrisons Landing, July 20th 1862**

Dear Brother

I take my pen in hand to let you know that we are all well and hope this will find you all the same at home This is a beautiful place where we are encamped now as it is in a woods and on a hill. We get plenty to eat such as it is. I hardly know what to write about as there is nothing new around here. Today is Sunday but it is the same as a week day out here. The Bands play the same. I hope that we will stay here for it is the best camp we have been in since we left Camp Baker last April. It is just 6 months to a day since I enlisted. It is very warm here now and we all keep in the shade Sammy received your Letter and says he will write as soon as there is some news. Eddy caught a large Grey Squirrel the other day and he was playing with him when the Squirrel bit him on the finger and he got mad and killed him and had him cooked for his supper. The 4th of July passed off here just the same as any other day. Tell Joe that I will write to him the next time. We get up in the morning at sunrise and go to bed at 9 o clock at night so you see we keep good hours. There is plenty of Soldiers around here. We received the Trenton Paper once in a while and We read it over and over advertisements and everything else. Tell Aunt Mary that I will write as soon as I can find something to write about Give my love to all and except the same yourself. Write Soon. From your

Affectionate Brother George W. Fox

Company A. 6th Regt. Hookers Division N.J.V.

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**Camp near Harrison Landing, V.A. July 25th 1862.**

Dear Brother

I with pleasure take this opportunity on answering your last Letter I have since recd the Harpers Weekly you sent me also several Trenton Papers from Uncle Ralph all of which I return my thanks for as we love dearly to get Papers here. Charley I hardly know what to write about as we are now lying in camp where there is nothing new transpires however I shall endeavour to do the best I can since receiving your letter wrote to Aunt Ann and Uncle Charles and have recd one from Annie she is well and was about to write to you she said so I expect you have heard from her before this. Charley tell Mr Jones & Johnny Casey I will answer there Letters as soon as possible this is the last of my Paper & Envelopes so I shall buy any more- We have no sutler now and it is most an impossibility to get anything. The weather continues to keep very warm here but we begin to think of fall now and dont mind it so much. It would be a Grand sight for you to see our army here Cannon Horses and Infantry all encamped close together the militia of Trenton would look like one man among thousands here but We have become so used to it we hardly notice anything but the Mail Bag when it comes to see if we have a letter or Papers from home. The Express has become very intimate to us again bringing Boxes of good things from Home which we do not see down here very often when we have money the rascals here charge so much we cant buy without spending a months wages for a very few things. I will give you a list of some of there Prices. Cheese has been 50cts 75 & \$1.00 pr lb it is now 40 cts a lb. sugar 30cts lb. Butter 50 cts pr lb. Ginger Cake 10 for 25 cts. Lemons & Oranges 12 cts a peice. herring 3 cts a peice. for a small loaf of Bakers Bread 25 cts you can see by this we cant afford to have anything good here. Eddy recd a letter from you he showed it to me I dont know wether he has answered it yet Charley when you write let me know how they are making out at home at recruiting I hope the Jersey Boys will rally and give us a lift then we can begin to talk of coming home I dont think much now of coming home but try to content myself by living in hopes We all continue to keep our health and feel thankful to God for his kindness and pray for a continuance of the same health is the main thing here for when a man gets sick it is impossible for him to get anything he can eat down here. Charley you judged right about our retreat we had a hard time wading through mud without anything to eat but all turned out well and we have now forgotten it all. I must draw to a close now but will try to have a better Letter next time for you hoping to find you all enjoying good health I will close by

Remaining your Loving Brother Saml. M. Fox

George Eddy & I join in sending our love to you all.

Write when you can and accept thanks for the Paper you sent.

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**Camp near Harrison's Landing Va Aug 7th [1862]**

Dear Brother

I received your letters and papers you sent me and was glad to get them I wished I was where they came from Charley I should like to see Trenton once more I hope it won't be long before I will last night we were all up the rebels had a Mask Battery on the other side the river and opened on our Transports but our gun boats routed them out we are expecting to see the young Merrimack come down the river our gun Boats are ready for her I should like to see the new troops coming pretty soon and I hope we will soon hear of Genl Pope whipping them and taking Richmond Charley it will be a hard place to take Charley I am like you I hardly know what to write about but so as we can hear that each other is well is enough there is two dead out of our Company one died yesterday and one day before we expect to get paid in a day or two and I will send you some more Money Mr Cook is here and the pay Master George and Sammy are well and I am the same and hope this will find you and Joe the same no more at present

From Your Affectionate Brother E D Fox

tell Joe he must not get mad at me I will write in a day or two to him

I got a letter from Aunt Ann the other day

E D FOX TRENTON

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[Last letter of Samuel M. Fox]

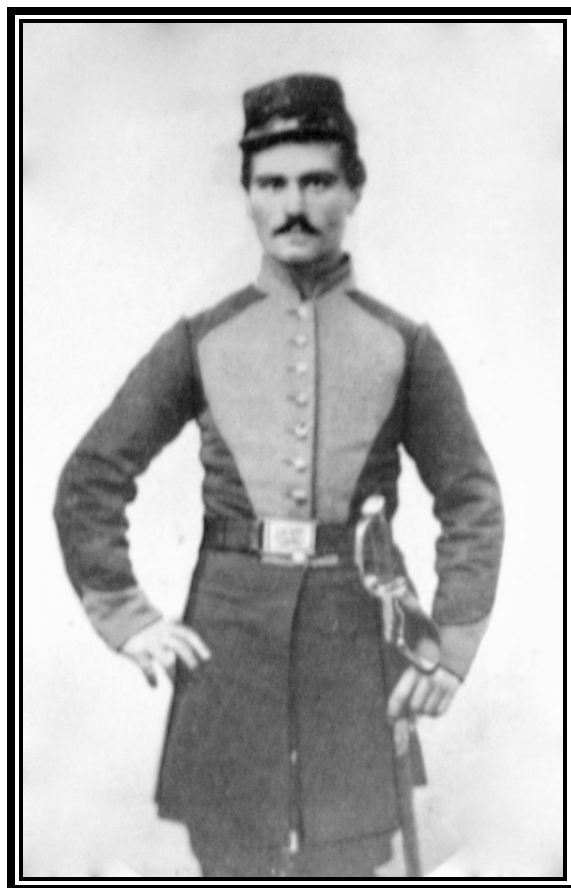
**Harrison Landing Va. August 12th [1862]**

Dear Brother

I take this small opportunity of writing you a few lines and sending some money for Nancy you can give it to her and send me a receipt for the same. Charley we are now all packed up to leave the Peninsula and expect to go every minute our knapsacks have gone ahead accounts for my sending dirty paper and no stamp on this Note as all our things have gone with the knapsacks. We can't tell where we are to go some say to join Pope's Army others say fortress Monroe and we have all kinds of rumors in fact none of us know I think we will join Pope we are anxious to go there as the Country is more healthy beside there is good water there. I shall answer all letters as soon as I have a chance tell all our folks & my Friends I can't write just now but will the first opportunity Please write to Annie and let her know. You can write and I think we will rec letters in 5 or 6 Days I must now draw to a close hoping to find you all well as we all are at Present I remain

Your Affectionate Brother Saml. M. Fox

Charley I enclose 20 Dollars for Nancy and one for yourself



Samuel Matson Fox  
(February 27, 1840 - September 23, 1862)

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**Camp near Alexandria Sep 6th [1862]**

Dear Brother

I received your letter and paper and was glad to hear from you Charley I am getting tired of the war and if it keeps up much longer you will see me coming home they have marched us nearly to death lately there is not over three hundred men in our regiment I suppose you have heard of the late Battles we were in we all lost our Drums in the Battle of Bull Run and this Devilish old Colonel is going to make us pay for them so I won't have much money to spend home this time and I have had no chance to make any extra Samy is not very well at present but George is well and I am the same we got bread this

morning for the first time in eight Months uncle Charley sent us a Box about two or three weeks ago and samy got the Box yet I seen two of the 13th regt yesterday I expect they are drafting in trenton now tell me if Johny Casey has Enlisted or not I shouldnt be surprised if they draft him but if their is only seventeen men wanted he may get clear when we left the Peninsula our knapsacks where put on the Boat and the Boat sunk and we have not got our knapsack yet and the men have only one shirt with them and marching so mutch they dont get no time to wash themselves and most of the men are as lousey as can be and we have slept out in the rain so you may know it is prety rough I hope their will soon be something done as Genl McClelland has got command and so many troops coming out we aught to whip them prety soon you can see all the particulars of the Battle in the papers or I would tell you something about them we are expecting to move form where we are and when we Move I will write and let you know where we are I dont know of any more at present so I must close by sending my respects to all my inquiring Freinds

From Your Affectionate Brother Edward Fox

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### **Sep 6th 1862 Camp near Alexandria**

Dear Brother

We are all Safe again but nearly wore out in marching for we have marched for 18 days. Our Regt. is been in 4 fights since we left Harrisons Landing. Our Regts loss is 105. We have had some hard fights and we are tired and wore out. This is all at present as I have not time to write more but I will send you a long letter soon. Give my love to all and take a portion for your self.

From your Affectionate Brother George M. Fox

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### **Camp Hooker near Alexandria Oct 1st 1862**

Dear Brothers

You dont know bad I have felt lately and how lonesome I have been since the death of our dear Brother Sammy because I was over to see him every day or he was to see me and we use to talk about home we loved each other as ever any Brothers did had George and me stayed with him from the time he was taken sick until he died both night and day Charley this letter is for you and Joey what makes me feel so bad is to think when annie hear of it dear Brother I hope the day is not far distance when we will all see each other again let us not weapt for sammy I know he had gone to a better home where he will see no more trouble Dear Brother the tears rolls down my cheeks when I think of Sammy but I must stop for I know it will make you feel Bad to bring it on your minds



George and me are well and hope this letter will find you Both the same I want to write to annie in a few days I seen the death of Sammy in the true American we are encamped at Fort Zion near Alexandria and dont think we will see mutch more Fighting I hear that we are to be quartered hear all winter It is getting late at night and so many in the tent that they bother me and I must bring my letter to a close you must Excuse this short letter tell Jo he must be a good Boy and go to School and try to learn all he can

From Your Affectionate Brother Edward Fox

write soon dont forget

give my respects to all my inquiring Friends

**Camp Hearney near Alexandria. Oct. 16 1862**

Dear Brother

I received your letter and three papers and was glad to hear from you things is quiet hear and their is not mutch to write about I see by the papers that the Rebles got whiped in Kentuckey. George got a letter from annie yesterday and I expect one from her she is well but takes it hard about Sammy Death their is talk around camp this Brigade coming home to recruit up but I guess that is not so we where reviewd yesterday by Genl. Tickells. Charley tell aunt Mary to never mind about the shirts we have got a Sutter now he keeps them. I was thinking about getting under shirts and wearing Cotton Check Shirts over them but I have changed my Mind and tell her she needent mind them I has been bad weather for the last two or three days but has cleared up nice again George and me are both well and hope you are all well at home Charley you must excuse this short letter for I do yours and It always pleases me to find you well give my love to Joe and all the folks

From Your Affectionate Brother E. Fox

Charley them things you are making George and I to keep our paper in is just what I want I didnt know you could Make one or I would wrote about one

Eddy

**Camp Hearney Oct 17th [18]/62**

Dear Brother

I now take my pen in hand to write you a few lines to let you know that Eddy and Me are well and hope this will find you the same. I received a Letter from Annie night before last She was well and said she was a going to write you in a day or two. The weather is very pleasant just now and we are encamped on a high hill and it is a splendid place. We are in sight of Washington and Alexandria. You need not worry about us as I do not think we will be in a another battle. Mr. James Wiley and Allen Claffin was down here last Sunday and went away on Monday again. We are very comfortable now as we have the large Sibley Tents and have a stove and a good bed and have plenty to eat. Eddy is in my tent every day and he is well and has growed a great deal since you last saw him Charley dont forget to send that writing paper you spoke of as it is hard for us to get any as we have no money and wont be paid off till the 15th of next month and then we will have 4 months pay due us. I get the Trenton Paper regular once a week from Uncle Ralph I suppose 3 to 4 promised to send me papers and I hardly know who sends them. If this War lasts till Christmas you may look for Eddy and me home on a fullough. As soon as we get payed we will send you money to get Joe some clothes and pay his board. In your next letter state all that he wants and he shall have it This is all at present. Write Soon and I will answer. Give my love to all

From your Affectionate Brother Geo. W. Fox

Direct your Letter Geo W. Fox Co A 6th Regt. New Jersey Vols. Washington D.C.

I also write to Joe the same time that I do you tell him.

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### **Camp at Manasses Junction Nov 16th 1862**

Dear Brother

Having a few leasure moments to spare I thought I would write you a few lines to let you know how we was. We are well and hope this will find you all the same. We left our Camp near Alexandria last Saturday two weeks ago and went as far up as Warrenton Juncton and them came back to this place. We have seen some hard times since we left our old camp for we left our Tents behind and had to sleep out at nights in the cold and we had a snow storm and that night we had to build large fires and set by them all night to keep from freezeing but the next day our tents came and we are now comfortable but in the midst of all we have just got orders to march again and I expect we start tomorrow for God only knows where but I expect it is to go and join Hookers Corp above Warrington. We have not been paid off yet and there is no more sighters [?] there was a month ago. There is now near 5 months due us and we all want money. I was in hopes that we would be payed off here for we want to send Nancy some money for Joes board and also send you some for Joes clothes but he will have to make out the best he can till the goverment payes us but I do not believe it will be long before we will get some money and as soon as we get it we will send some home for all. The weather is cold here at night and morning so we have to have fire in our Tents Eddy is setting beside me as I

am writing this letter. He received the papers you sent him. I also received the papers that Uncle Ralph sent me and we were very glad to get them as we have no money to get any papers here with. Eddy sends his love to you all and says he will write to you in a few days. Tell Nancy the reason that we have not sent her any money but tell her that we will as soon as we get payed off. Charley if there is any thing of Sammys that you want take it. I wish that Company for the 5th Regt. would come as we want to get them things to keep our paper in. I will now have to close by sending you all our Love and hope this will find you all well I remain your affectionate

Brother Geo. W. Fox

Co A 6th Regt. N.J. Vols. Washington D.C.

Write Soon

Hurrah for Parker, Scudder, Middleton and Crozer

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**Camp near Halmouth Va Dec 21st 1862**

Dear Brother

This is the first time that I have wrote a Letter for a month and I am now setting by a fire in front of our tent and it is so cold that you must excuse the shortness of this Letter. Charley we have been into another battle since I last wrote but Eddy and me came off safe again. This was a bad job here at Fredericksburg for our side and we now occupy the same position we did before the battle. I do not know what they will try next but am certain that our army cannot get to Richmond by this rout. Someone is to blame here for our defeat for anyone could see that we could not whip the rebles here. our Regiment crossed the river on the pontoon bridge but we did not get into the fight although the shells burst all around us but we all escaped unhurt. I wish we would move from here for we hardly get enough to eat or wear and I will be glad when we get home again. I would give the world to be home on christmas but it is impossible for to get home so we will have to content ourselves on Christmas with a hard cracker and peice of stinking bacon for our dinner. I am going to write to Annie this afternoon. We have not been payed off yet and we will have 6 months pay due us on the 1st of January. We want money bad for we are out of Tobacco, Paper, and everything else. I happened to get this paper and envelope by chance. As soon as we get payed off we will send you and Joe some money. Charley when you write let me know you and Joe spent Christmas and when I write again I will let you know how Eddy and me spent ours. I will now have to close by sending you our Love and hopeing this will find you all in as good health as it leaves us. Give our love to all

From you affectionate Brother Geo. W. Fox

Co A 6th Regt NJV Washington DC

Write Soon

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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**Camp of the 6th N.J. Vols Dec 25th 1862**

Dear Brother

Eddy received your Letter this morning and we was glad to hear again from you also we are glad that you sent us word that Joe was in want of Clothes for what ever you do, do not fail to leave us know about it for we are always willing to give you all the money that is needed for his clothes and if you are in want of any thing particular that you want and have not got do not fail to let us know for nothing would worry us so much as to know that you Joe, or Annie was in want and I was very sorry that we had not money to send you for the Holidays but it will not be long now before we will be payed and then we will send you some. We was in the late battle but our Regt. did not lose a man. Eddy and myself are well and hope this will find you the same. Charley this is a queer Christmas-- to us Soldiers. It is no more than any other day and every thing goes on the same. The late Battle was a great blunder on our side not that the men did not fight, for they stood all that flesh and blood could but the rebles had such a good position on the hills and we where in the hollow but we held our own on the other side of the Rappahanock., but as we found it impossible to drive them from thier position we retreated back to our old position this side of the River. Fredicksburg is a nice looking place with 2 Bridges that the rebles tore down across the river. The River is not as wide as the Assapink Creek at Trenton but is deep. It is hard to tell what we are going to do next but I do not think that they will attempt to cross the river again to go to Richmond as the rebles has fortified the hills so it would be foolish to try it again. Our side must of loss a great deal more than the rebles for they had every advantage of us and I hope the next Battle we will be able to send more encourageing accounts. Charlie us soldiers are getting discouraged with the way men are sacrificed for no other reason than to elevate the niggars with the White man and we all want to see someone else in the Presedintal Chair if Lincoln is going to issue such Proclamation &c as he has for we are all tired of what this has turned out to be a Abolition War. This will be the last Republican President I hope that will ever grace our presidential chair at least I hope so. Let Grandmother see this Letter. Give all our Love. charlie tell Joe that it is our wish that he will go to school for now is his time for to learn. It will not be long before he will be old enough to go to a trade and then he will be sorry for not going. I will now have to close by wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year from your Affectionate

Brothers George & Eddy

Direct Geo W. Fox

Co A 6th Regt. N.J. Vols

Washington D.C.

Write Soon and let us know if you drew the money

**Camp near Falmouth Va Jan 8th 1863**

Dear Brother

I received your gift which you sent to George and me and I ell you what I was pleased with It Bill Varrhosn and the rest of them got here last night and I got my package and George and I opened It you ought of seen the crowd that saw them said they never seen any thing got up as nice as there are and Charley I am very mutch obliged to you and I will consider this a new year Present you shall received something from me as soon as we are payed off their is not mutch news to write about as the army is laying still we are right opsite Fredricksburg and can see the rebles plain their is hard fighting going on our west I think if all our generals was like Rosencranse their wouldent have mutch trouble whipping the rebles but maybe it will go a little different when ever their is one victory their is always another I suppose you got the check for ten dollars for Joe's Clothes I signed it and sent it in George's letter I dont know what is the reason we dont get payed now their is six months pay coming to us but I guess we will get paid before long I dont suppose their is mutch Silver money our now at home all the kind of money you see hear is Government notes and postage Curancy I seen Eles Smith and Al Anderson last Sunday they were to our Camp they are both well but are tired of the war and want to get home like all the rest of us I expect you would like to know how I spent my Christmas. I had a Good Cup of bean Soup and some hard Crackers I would hardly know what Chicken or turkey taste like it has been so long since I had any but Charley I hope the next Christmas we may all meet home togeather and have a Grand Christmas Dinner Charley hear is a sessch note I found on the Bull Run Battle Field I have carried in my pocket a good while and I thought I would send it to you give my love to Joe and Grandmother I Belive this is all at Present

From your Affectionate Brother Edward Fox

**Camp near Fredicksburg Va Jan 8th/[18]63**

Dear Brother

Having a chance of sending a Letter to you I take the oppertunity of writing a few lines. You can not guess how pleased Eddy and me was to get those presents form you. We got them last night Bill Vanhorne and the rest of the company arrived hear

yesterday. Those Port Folioes was just the thing we wanted and the contents of them could not come in a more acceptable time for I was out of everything in the writing line. We are well and hope these few lines will find you with all the rest the same I wrote Uncle Ralph a short Letter the other day. We are still in the same camp as we where before the Battle and it dont look as if we where a going to move soon I hope for not for we are fixed quite comfortable here We had a grand Review the other day it was the Central Corp commanded by Genl Hooker. We where reviewed by Genl Brunside and Staff. There is no news at present and no signs of the paymaster but we are looking for him soon and when he comes You may look out for a present from Eddy and me. I wrote you a Letter last week but have received no answer yet but I am looking out for one. I also wrote to Annie at the same time. It is near Dress Parade and I will have to close by sending you all my Love. Write soon and I will answer. From your Affectionate Brother

Geo. W. Fox

Co A. 6th Regt N J Vol

Washington D.C.

P.S. inclosed I send you a 50 ct. bill that some of our Regt stold when we where coming through Dumfries Va. G W F

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**Camp of the 6th New Jersey Vols near Fredricksburg, Va Jan. 18th 1863**

Dear Brother

I set down to write you a few lines to let you know that we are well and hope this will find you all the same. We are all packed up to move and expect to go today, but the order was countermanded, but I believe we shall go tomorrow. We are all wondering where we are going to but none can tell. As soon as we stop for a day or so I shall write and let you know. It is splended weather to march now and the roads are like pavement. Eddy is not going with us and I will tell you something that will please you if it turns our all right. Eddy is very tired of soldering and some two weeks ago he come to me and told me he was going to try and get home. Well he went on the sick list and made out that he was very sick, so he was but it was only home sick and he had allmost given up going to the doctors when he heard that the Regt. was going to move and they allways send the sick away then so this was his chance and with the aid of Capt. Gould who is also sick he was sent to the Division Hospital and expects in a few says to be sent to Washington and so get home. I was over to see him this afternoon he look first rate and was in good spirits and expects to be in Washington in a week on ten days. Capt Gould is in the same place with him and he is trying to get Eddy clear of this war. He give Eddy his discriptive List which is not the case with every one for it enables the holder to draw his pay any where where there is a paymaster. So you must not be surprised to see him home before long. Charlie I want you to go down to Nancy and see what is due her for Joe's board. Get her

to make out a Bill and send it to me. We expect to be payed for 4 months this week and we will be able to send her some money. Please do this as soon as convenient and write to me and I will send the money by return mail also a present to you. I will now have to close. Give my love to all and accpet the same Yourself. From Your Affectionate Brother

George W. Fox

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**Camp of the 6th N.J. Vols near Falmouth Va Jan 29th/[18]63**

Dear Brother

I received you Letter just as I was going out on Picket with the Regt. We started for to go into another Battle one day last week but we only marched some 7 or 8 miles when we got stuck into the mud so we encamped in the woods and stayed a couple of days when we started back for our old Camp and after we had been back only one day we got orders to go on Picket and last night we returned in the midst of a Snow Storm and this morning the snow is some 15 inches deep but it has cleared up and the sun is warm and the snow will soon disapear and then I expect we will have to march again. I sent on to you by Col. Johnathan Cook \$75 dollars when we get payed off which was a week or so ago. Twenty dollars was mine and I want you to put it into the Bank the same as you did Eddys. \$35 dollars was Eddys which he wants you to put onto Bank and \$20 dollars is for Nancy for Joes board. You will get a receipt for the money from her and keep it or send it on to me only keep it safe also see how much is due her for Board. We only received 4 months pay but expect to get payed 2 months more in a couple of weeks and then we will send her some more. I want you to get that Watch from Joe and keep it till I come home and if he does not be a better Boy than he has been he shall never receive a cent from me or Eddy I expect he does just as he pleases but there will be a stop put to him when I get home. Another thing he ought to go to School for a while he wont have a chance and he will be as dumb as a Virginia Nigger. Write as soon as you get this Letter and let me know if you got the Money yet. Eddy was in my tent last night and told me to tell you to tell Joe that if that is the way he does with things that he gives him he need not look for any more When we come home we intend to give you all a handsome present but if he dont look out he need not expect anything I will have to close hoping soon to hear from you again I remain as ever your Affectionate Brother

George W. Fox

Give our Love to all

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**Camp 6th N.J. Vols**

Dear Brother

We send Seventy Five \$75 Dollars to you by Mr Cook.

Twenty dollars is for Geo W. Fox

Thirty five " " " Edward Fox

Twenty " " " Nancy

Put mine in the Bank along with Eddys and in his name and it will be all right

Geo. W. Fox

**Camp near Falmouth [Va] Feb 13th 1863**

Dear Brother

I thought I would write you a few lines to let you know about coming home on a Furlough I have not a furlough and the Doctor sent in my Discharge papers so I expect to be home for good so you may look for me in about a week from now I expect George is seeing gay old times in Trenton and tell him that I expect to hear of another Mrs Fox by the time he gets back but I would not just leave hear of that as not tell him that I say go in George and make your time good as long as it last I hope this letter will find you all well as I am well and hearty as a Buck show this letter to George you Must Excuse this short letter as I dont see any thing hear worth writing about and as the Mail is just going out

I Remain your Affectionate Brother E D Fox

give my respects to all at home

**Camp of the 6th N. J. Vols Near Falmouth Va. April 1st/[18]63**

Dear Brother

I take pen in had to let you know that I am well and hope this will find you all the same. The weather is very changeable down here first it snowes and then raines. Yesterday we had quite a snow storm but today it is clear and cold with high winds. Our Regiment is out on Picket and it is very lonesome here in Camp but they return tomorrow. We are anxiously looking for the Pay Master and we expect him every day. I expect we will move before long and I do not care how soon for we are all tired of laying here so long. I have been looking for a Letter from Eddie or someone at home but



have at last gave up all hope. What is the matter with Eddie that he does not write to me. He answered a young mans letter in the same tent with me right away but he dont answer mine. Please tell him he need not mind takeing the trouble. He was going to write every week as soon as he got home but I suppose he has forgot me. Tell him I will send him the money for those 3 Postage Stamps he so liberally sent me as soon as I get payed. I wrote to Annie some time ago but have never received an answer, but if they don't care about hearing from me it is all right. Let me know if Joe is commenced to go to School yet. charlie in my letter to Eddie I wrote about a small Blank Book to keep memorada in. If you can make or get me one without going to much expence why do so and let me know in you next or if you have to pay for one state to me the price and I will send you the money to get me one. I want a good strong one about 4 or 5 inches long and 3 inches wide with a good cover. You need not get it if you have to go to any trouble. It is now bed time and I will have to close as I have nothing more to write about. Give my Love to all and accept the same yourself and I remain as ever

Your Affectionate Brother Geo W. Fox

Co A 6th Regt N.J. Vols

Washington D.C.

N.B. If you write to Annie tell her I am looking for a Letter from her. G. W. F.

P.S. This is the last Letter I write to any of my folks for I am tired of writeing and not getting any answers for I have wrote over a dozen Letters lately and all to some of my relatives and have not received a single answer I appears as if I am forgot or else I am not worth wasting paper on. If you will answer this Letter I will write immediately on receiving yours.

George

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**Camp of the 6th N.J. Vols near Falmouth Va. April 12/[18]63**

Dear Brother

I received your Letter last night and was glad to hear from you. I am well and hope this will find you all the same. The weather is beautifull now and if it continues so for a few days I should not wonder if we move before long and I do not care how soon for we are tired of laying around here. We where received by the President last week. He visited the whole army I beleive. I received the Memorada Book from Eddie and tell him to accept by thanks for it. I wrote an other Letter to Annie and now if she does not choose to write to me she will never hear from me again by my writeing to her. I would like to know what Joe intends to do, wether he expects to run the streets all the days of his life or go to school. If he does not go to School this Summer he will be sorry for it I can tell

him. I received a paper from Brick Leaver with the account of the hanging of Lewis. You done exactly right in leaveing Mr Nickolson and if he were to strike you again so the same thing, have him right away. I dont exactly like the way he is acting anyhow and I shall write to Uncle Ralph in a few days and I shall let him know my sentiments.

Our time is now more than half out and our Regt has got 16 more months to serve. It will be a happy day when out time is out.

I am very well satisfied where I am at present and I think that I can stand it out first rate.

We get a great deal better liveing now to what we used to and we all thank Genl Hooker for it. You must excuse me for not putting a Postage Stamp on this Letter but I have not got any and we have not been payed off yet. I will now Close hopeing to hear from you soon again. Give my love to Eddie, Joe & all of our Folks and accept a large portion for your self and I Remain

Your Affectionate Brother Geo W. Fox

Co A 6th Regt N.J. Vols

Washington D.C.

Write Soon

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**Camp of the 6th N.J. Vols April 15th 1863**

Dear Brother

I take the present oppertunity of writing you a few lines hoping they will find you all in as good health as they leave me. We are all packed up to move and have got Eight days rations. I expect we would of been off today but last night it commenced to storm and is still raining hard and I do not believe we will go now as it will make the roads bad. We have been payed off today. I send home by Conl. Johnathan Cook \$30 dollars (Thirty dollars) Ten dollars is for Joe's Board and Twenty dollars I want you to put in the Bank for me in my name. Don't make a mistake (\$10) Ten is for Joes Board & \$20 is to put in the Bank for me in my name. So as soon as Mr Cook comes home go and get it and you will oblige me. As soon as you get the money write and let me Know. I received the paper all right. Next pay day I hope to be able to send home Forty dollars as I am now going to save my money No more at present

From your Affectionate Brother Geo W Fox

N.B. Give my love to all Eddie, Joe, & all the rest of our folks.

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**Camp of the 6th N.J. Vols April 16th 1863**

Dear Brother

I send by Mr Cook Thirty Dollars (\$30). You will know how to dispose of it by my Letter of the 15th.

Yours Truly your Affectionate Brother Geo W. Fox

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"Hookers Old Guard"

**Camp of the 6th New Jersey Vols Near Falmouth Va. April 23rd/[18]63**

Dear Brother

I have just received your welcome Letter and was glad to hear from you again.

I am well and hope this will find you all in the same state of health.

I expected we would of moved from here before this but from some cause or other we have not, but I expect it is on account of the weather being so bad. It raines nearly every day. We have had eight days rations in our knapsack and haversack for a week. We also had to turn in our blankets and all of our Clothing except a change. Our Calvary has been gone now a week and I expect as soon as it gets a little settled we will follow them. We heard that they went across the river way up above here but where having a hard time of it for it has stormed almost every day they have been gone.

There is 12000 of them under command of Genl. Stoneman and if they meet the rebles there will be some fighting. We are all in good spirits and are willing to follow "Hooker" and you folks at home may look out for a great victory or else a great defeat when we meet the Rebles again The men has great confidence in Hooker and they like him next to "Little Mac", and he returned there kindness by giving us good grub.

Speaking of Grub as we call it, we now have better liveing than we ever had before. We now have Onions, Turnips, Potatoes, Peas, and plenty fresh Beef and Genl. Hooker has the thanks of his soldiers for he is the man that looks out for his men. He feeds them well and when they are in battle he wants them to do their duty. If they all do it is well as his old Division he will be satisfied. Our Division is called "Hookers Old Guard". It has been raining all day and I have not been out of my tent hardly. I do nothing but read and I believe I have read the election over in Trenton a dozen times. Trenton is all one sided it appears

Charlie I have read the papers a great deal of late. I am still a democrat but not of the Copperhead stripe but I do not know what they would call me up in Jersey. All I hope is that we whip the rebels and I do not care about coming home until we do if we have to stay our years out for I think they deserve a good whipping. I think this Summer will tell the tale and I hope that we may be successful. Asked Eddie about my pencil case if he has got it fixed yet as I am waiting anxiously for it. It is now near Totto and I will have to close hoping to hear from you again. Give my love to Eddie, Joe, and all our Folks accept the same yourself and I remain

Your Affectionate Brother Geo W. Fox (co a 6th Regt N.J. Vols Washington D. C.)

P.S. I have wrote two Letter to Annie but have received no answer yet. I suppose you have received my money all right. Get a receipt from Nancy and keep it. George

N.B. Charlie I forgot to tell you the sport that we are having down here at present. Base Ball is all the rage and when ever the weather permits the fields around here are filled with men playing ball. Day before yesterday there was a match between 9 of the 5 N.J. Vols (Officers) played against 9 out of the rest of our Brigade and the result was that the 5th got beat bad. The bet was for \$100 dollars.

Yesterday 9 of the 2nd N. York played against 9 out of the New Jersey Regts (Privates) for \$200 dollars and the New Jersey boys was victorious beating the Yorkers bad. Tomorrow is a grand Foot Race for \$150 dollars and it promises to be a grand affair. Who says we are "Demoralized" Let some of the People come down and see us some day when it is clear and they will be satisfied. Taps are now blowing and that tell us it is time for bed so Good Night.

George W. Fox

Charlie instead of the old City Hall clock telling us the time for bed we use a drum and I expect when I get home I will forget some night and not go to bed at all waiting for the Drum to beat the Taps.

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### **Camp of the 6th N. J. Vols near Falmouth Va. April 27/[18]63**

Dear Brother

I received your Letter yesterday and was glad to hear from you. Our Regt. has gone out on Picket and it is very lonesome in Camp. There is nothing new down here and I hardly know what to write. Yesterday (Sunday) our Division was Reviewed by Gov Parker of N. J. and this morning before the Brigade went on Picket they were reviewed by Secretary Seward and Gov Keymore of N. Y. It has cleared up at last and today the sun is very warm. If the army don't move now I don't know when they will. Today we saw large

bodies of Troops on the march and I heard it was the 5th Army Corps. Where we have our Reviews it is right in sight of The Rebles and about 1 mile from Fredricksburg.

Charlie I wish you would speak to Eddie about that peice of pencil and ask him to send it as soon as he can.

Charlie please send me in your next Letter 2 dollars of that money that I sent you as I want to buy something that will be of service to me this summer. I guess you might as well put the rest in the Trenton Banking Co. but do as you think best and you can put it where you think it will be the safest it makes no difference to me Suite yourself and I will be satisfied. Give my love to all accept the same yourself and I remain

Your Affectionate Brother Geo W. Fox

Co a 6th Regt. N. J. Vols Washington D. C.

Write Soon

P.S. Excuse this sheet of paper [about 1/4 is cut out]

### **Camp of the Sixth N. J. Vols May 8th 1863**

Dear Brother

I Received your Letter and the money all right. We have been in another hard Battle and Thank God I am safe once more. Our Brigade was out on Picket and they got orders to return to Camp. They came in at dusk and at 9 oclock at night on the 28th of April we left Camp and marched 7 miles down the River where we halted untill morning when we near the Rappahanock. Cannonadeing comenced about 9 oclock and continued all day long The 1st & 6th Corps crossed the River on pontoons and drove the rebles back about a mile. We got orders to move at a moments notice. At dark I layed down and was soon asleep I got up at daylight and made my Coffee and eat my breakfast. It rained during the night and made it very bad walking. At 2 oclock we got orders to move and we marched about 16 miles up the River and halted at 1 oclock in the morning we started the next day at 8 oclock and crossed the river on a pontoon bridge at 12 oclock. We halted about a mile from the river and our Brigade was sent out on Picket Our Regiment did not go out and we had a good time to rest. Stayed here all the next day untill about 8 oclock at night when the Pickets where called in and we went out to the front which was some 3 miles from the River. We heard heavy firing in the afternoon and I expected we would go in front. Our Brigade halted in line of battle at midnight and I layed down to sleep I was up before day and was making my Coffee when the pickets commenced firing and soon the Battle commenced. The rebles drove the 11th Corps from the field the day before and they thought they would so the same with us the (3rd Corps) but they got mistaken. Our Division fought better than it ever did before and Our Brigade captured 7 stand of Colors

and more prisoners than the Brigade numbers. Genl. Hooker gives us great praise for what we done and we presented him with one the rebel flags that the 7th N. J. took. Our Division lost a great many men. Our Division Genl. Berry was killed Genl. Mott was wounded and nearly all of our line officers was wounded. The Battle lasted until noon when every thing was still again. Tuesday night we recrossed the River and are now in our old camp again but do not expect to stay long. The rebel loss must of been 5 times greater than ours. Where we where fighting was some 10 miles above Fredricksburg I beleive they call it Chandersville. Our men are all ready for another Battle and have the greatest confidence in Hooker. I am well except I feel a little sore from marching but will be over it in a day or two. I hope this will find you all well. Give my love to all. Show this Letter to Eddie. I suppose the Papers has an account of the Battle in I wish you would send me one.

Write to Annie and tell her I am safe. She dont write to me any more. I have wrote her 2 letters and she has not answered them. I will now close hoping this may find you all well. I Remain your affectionate Brother Geo W. Fox

Write soon

Charlie let Eddie see this Letter & give him this note

Eddie

Two of the 5th Regt. drummers was wounded Redney in the leg and Healy in the hand. They where both where they had no business to be.

Leabring the drummer of the new company (A) of the 5th has not been seen scince the fight and I expect he is in Trenton by this time. Please send me a paper with the Battle in. I am a thousand times oblige to you for getting the pencil fixed. Give my best respects to Jack Jones and Family

From Your Affectionate Brother George W. Fox

### **May 8th 1863 Camp of the 6th N. J. Vols**

Dear Brother

I take the present oppertunity of letting you know that our Regt. was in the last Fight and lost 6 killed, 56 wounded and 7 missing. We had 11 officers wounded but none killed. I am safe once more. It was the hottest fight that our Regt. was ever in. I will write you the whole particulars in my next Letter. Please send me a paper with the Battle in. Tell Eddie that I received the Pencil all right last night.

From your Affectionate Brother Geo W. Fox

Direct the same as before

P.S. Our Brigade captured 7 stand of colors. Our Division Genl. (Berry) was killed. Genl. Mott wounded our Colonel was wounded. We captured more prisoners than the Brigade numbered.

### **Camp of the 6th New Jersey Vols May 16th 1863**

Dear Brother

I received your Letter last night and was glad to hear from you. I also received the papers you sent for which I am much oblige. The people was a little a head of time about Richmond being taken. I think the same as you about Genl. Hooker and beleive that if he can't whip the rebles why there is no use of anyone else trying. We have great confidence in Hooker and believe that we would of whiped the rebles if the 11th Corps had not of disgraced themselves so by skedadling. They are all dutch and where formally under the command of Genl. Seigle.

We are now back in our old Camp again we have been here longer than any other Camp since the Regt. was formed It is 6 months nearly since we came here There is a great many two year troops going home and soon the 3 year troops will be left. The Goverment better hurry up and send some more men out or else the rebles will whip us anyhow for the 3 year men have been through so much that they are reduced down to nothing most. Our Regt. now only turnes out on Dress Parade 120 muskets when last year at this time it turned out over 900. Another fight and that will finish the 2nd New Jersey Brigade. We are in the famous Division that Hooker commanded and what he speaks so much of. He call us the "Old Guard". There is no better fighting division in the Army than ours. We are the 3rd Brigade of the 2nd Division of the 3rd Corps. The Brigade was commanded by Mott who was wounded in 2 places. The Division by Berry who was killed and the Corps is commanded by Sickles. Our Brigade last Summer had two Regt.s added to it. The 2nd New York & 115 Pennsylvania. The 2nd New York was a 2 year regiment and they left for home last Monday. The 115th Pa. is I believe agoing to be consolidated with the 25th Pa so we will have only the 4 original New Jersey Regt.s the 5th 6th 7th & 8th in our Brigade. The whole 4 Regt.s will not make one full Regt. I think they had better put us in Washington or somewhere else and bring out some of the full regts but Old Hooker don't like to lose such good men I am well and hope this will find you all the same Give my best Respects to all I am glad to hear that Joe has at last got a place for it will keep him from running the Streets so much I see by the paper that old Mr Warner is dead. I saw him when I was home and I thought he looked so well. I wrote to Uncle Ralph & aunt Mary some time ago but have received no answer. I feel worried about Annie not writing. I have wrote her two Letters but have received no answer to ether of them. I wish when you write you would speak to her about it, I will now Close by sending you all my love and hoping soon to hear from you

I Remain Your Affectionate Brother George W. Fox

Co A. 6th Regt. N J Vols Washington D. C.

Write Soon

P.S. another one of Capt. Neals men that was wounded died yesterday

Hooker's Old Guard

**May 27th 1863 Camp of the 6th N. J. Vol**

Dear Brother

I take my pen in hand to write you a few lines. I received your Letter in due time and was glad to hear from you. I am well and hope this will find you all the same. Our Regt. went out on Picket this morning only two drummers went and I had the good luck to stay in Camp. It makes it very lonesome in Camp when the men are away. We have nothing to do and the days appear like weeks. Things look as if we were going to stay here for a couple of months. They are building the Bakery up and by the time you get this Letter we will be having our fresh bread instead of Hard Tack for which we will all be very thankful for. The weather is very warm now in the daytime but cool at night and early in the morning. There is a great deal of talk in our Brigade of us going home to recruit and the Officers are trying hard to get us home for 60 days as they promise to fill the regiments up to the maximum number. I do not expect we will be so lucky as to get home but I hope we do, and it would be no more than right for we are so reduced in numbers that our whole Brigade would hardly make one full regiment and we have been in so many battles that if we were to go home for good it would be no more than square. We are the choice brigade of the famous Hooker's old Division, 3rd Corp, and if the army is not going to do anything this Summer I should think that Uncle Joe Hooker would let us off for awhile to recruit and when we come back we will add more laurels to our many that we have already gained. I received a Letter from Aunt Mary the other day and was glad to hear from her. Give her, Uncle Ralph, and Cousin Mary my love, and tell her I will write in a few days. We expect to be paid in a few days up to the 1st of May therefore we will only receive two months pay. I expect Conl. Cook will be here and I shall send some money home by him. I will write as soon as we get paid and you will then know what to do. Charlie show this letter to Grandmother or tell her that you heard from me also send me her directions so as I will know how to direct a Letter to her. I will now have to bring my Letter to a close. Hoping soon to hear from you again. Give my love to Eddie, Joe and take a large portion for yourself

I Remain Your Affectionate Brother George W. Fox

Remember me to all of our folks also to all enquiring friends.



Co A 6th Regt. N. J. Vols Washington D. C.

Write Soon

P.S. Let me know when you hear from Annie. George

3rd Brigade, Mott, 2nd Division, Berry, 3rd Corps Sickles

### **Camp of the 6th New Jersey Vols June 1st 1863**

Dear Brother

I take pen in hand to write you a few lines.

I am well and hope this will find you all the same.

We received two months pay this morning I send you Twenty dollars. Fifteen I want you to put in Bank for me, and Five give to Nancy for which you will please get a receipt for and put it away with the others. Conl. Cooks was not in Camp so I sent it by the Chaplain of our Regt.

Enclosed you will find a receipt for (\$20.00) Twenty Dollars which you will take to the Trenton Banking Co. and draw the money. All you have to do is to hand them the receipt and they will give you the money. All the men send thier money home in this way. Write as soon as you draw the money.

This is Sunday and it has been blowing a hurricane all day and the dust has almost blinded us, but tonight it is beautiful. Everything is still and the moon is shining which make it as light almost as day.

I received a Letter from Aunt Mary a day or so ago which I will answer in a day or so. Give my love to Eddie, Joe, and All of our Folkes, take a good portion for yourself and I remain your

Affectionate Brother George W. Fox

P.S. Charlie dont forget, \$15.00 I want put in Bank for me, and \$5.00 give to Nancy for Joes, Board, Also write as soon as you draw the money. George

Co. A, 6th Regiment new Jersey Vols. Washington S. C.

### **Camp of the 6th N J Vols June 2nd 1863**

Dear Brother

Please send me three (3) dollars out of the money that I sent home send it as soon as possible as I want to use it.

From Your Affectionate Brother George W. Fox

Co A 6th Regt. N J Vols

### **Camp of the 6th N. J. Vols July 13th 1863**

Dear Brother

Having a chance of sending you a few lines I take the opportunity of so doing hoping that this may find you all in good health as it leaves me at present I have not received but one Letter from Trenton since we left our old Camp near Falmouth Va. and that was from Annie dated Trenton We get a mail about once in a week and I have gave up all hopes of receiving any more Letters We where in the late fight at Gettysburg PA. and expect to be in another every day. We had a long march from Falmouth Va. to Gettysburg and it wore the men out it is some 250 miles the way we come and we marched all the way. The late Battle was a hard one but we whipped the rebles bad and I hope we will the next time When we where passing through Frederick City Md. we saw the 7th Regt. Militia of New York in their fine grey uniform and they looked a great deal different from us. As they are to nice to fight they are doing provost duty in Frederick City. Our Brigade is composed of 6 Regiments and only number 609 men, not one Regt. The 14th New Jersey is now in our Corps and it numbers more than our whole Brigade. I saw Capt. Craig, Ed Yard, Charley Thorn & all of the Boys from home they are well. I hope to God that this next Battle will settle the war for I am so tired of it that I do not care sometimes if I where dead. We have marched all together near 400 miles I have wore our two pair of shoes. The weather is hot but it has rained nearly nearly every day since we crossed the Potomac. I hope that Eddy will not forget those likenesses that I spoke of. I am glad that he is home and I am glad that I have not relation in the army to suffer the same as we do. Tell Annie I will answer her Letter as soon as I have a chance to. Give my love to all and take a portion for yourself and I Remain

Your Affectionate Brother George W. Fox

direct the same as before

P.S. Write Soon & tell Uncle Ralph that I receive the paper for which I am much oblige George

**Camp of the 5th NEW JERsey Near Beverly Ford on the Rappahanock, Aug 8th/[18]63**

Dear Brother

I take my pen in hand to write you a few lines. I am well and hope these few lines will find you all the same. We received two months pay this afternoon although there was nearly four due us. I send you a receipt for (\$15.00) Give (\$5.00) Five Dollars to Nancey for Joes Board and put (\$10.00) Ten Dolls in the Bank the same way as I did before as I believe it is as safe as any. Let me know as soon as you get this. Keep the receipts of Nanceys safe. We go out on picket to morrow morning (Sunday) Ask Eddy how much he paid for them pictures of mine so as I can send it to him as It dont appear as if he wants to send them until I pay for them for one time he sayes he has got them and then another time he says he don't so dont forget to let me know how much they cost as I would like to see them how I looked when I first started for a Solider. I expect that we will lay here for awhile until the regiments get filled up and then we will attack the rebles and no doubt we will have another hard battle.

It is awful hot here now and it allmost roasts us for we are out in a open field. We have a shower all most every night. Last night we all liked to of got drowned it poured down in torrents for about two hours and came right through our tents It thundered and lightened awfull but about dark it cleared off and today has been awfull hot. I have not heard from Annie yet. This is Saturday night but a great deal different from Saturday night at home. I don't suppose some of the men know one day from another for they are all alike. Sunday is the same as the rest The boys are all anxious to see the Conscrips or \$402.00 men and I expect they will have a great lot of fun with them. This time next year we will think about seeing old Trenton again. Give my Love to Eddie Joe, and all of our Folk not forgetting yourself. Tell Grandmother I intend to write he a Letter as soon as I can buy the materials to write on.

Charlie don't forget to write as soon as you get this This is all at present that I know of so I will Close hoping soon to hear from you. I remain

Your Affectionate Brother George W. Fox

Good Night for it is my bed time 8 o'clock

**Camp 6th N. J. Vols near Beverley Ford Va. Aug 26th/[18]63**

Dear Brother

I have just received your welcome Letter and I now set down to answer it.

We have quite a change in the weather. Last night about dark we had a hard shower and heavy wind and it blew up so cold that we nearly froze in the night. It looked queer this morning to see the boys standing around Cook fires. They have all got thier wish for they all was complaining of the weather being so warm.

We have not moved and I do not beleive we will for a while. Conscrips is begining to come in here. The Eleventh Massachuets received near three hundred the other day. There is going to be three conscrips shot next Saturday for deserting. They belong to the Corn Exchange Regt. (118 Pa) and lay right near us. I was over there today and saw them.

I am glad to hear that the Good Will is building their new house they have been long enough about it I received a Letter from Brick Seaver the same time. I did yours. I expect that Mr. Edward Fox will have to vote this fall election. Tell him when he goes to vote to stand on a sheet of paper so he can hand his vote in the window.

Charlie I wish they all was as good at answering my letters as you and Brick Seaver. I dont get any Letters from any Men but you and Brick in Trenton.

I am in first rate health hope this will find you all the same. I weigh more than I ever did before.

I was over to see the 14th Jersey the other day about one half of them is sick. They are just begining to find out what soldering is. When I set down to write I hardly know what to write about as it is so dull in Camp nothing going on except the Boys playing Ball. Give my love to all of our Folks also to Annie, Eddie, Joe and take a large portion for yourself and I Remain

Your Affectionate Brother George W. Fox

P.S. Tell Eddie I will write to him as soon as I receive one from him also Annie George

Tell Eddie that John Logan (drummer) is back to his Regt. and sends him his best respects.

**Camp 6th N. J. Vols Sep 9th 1863**

Dear Brother

I received your welcome Letter this afternoon and was glad to hear from you. I thought something was wrong by your not writeing sooner. I hope that you get a good situation and that you will like it I know that if you board at Aunt Anns that you will have a good Home.

We have not moved yet and there is no prospects yet We are out on Review allmost every other day. I have now got command of the drummers in the Brigade, and whenever there is a Review or Brigade Guard Mounting I take charge of them. I hope that this may find you enjoying good health.

Charlie I dont think that Mr Nicholson will gain much by your leaving and I should not wonder but he will be sending for you as soon as he gets hurried.

I think that Newark is a much better place to work than Trenton is and if I live to get home I dont think that I shall stay in Trenton I received a Letter from Eddie the same time that received yours. I had allmost gave up all hopes of ever his writing again. I received the Letter from Aunt Ann and tell her that I shall write to her as soon as anything happens to write about. Give he and all the girles my love.

Next year (if I live) this time I will be Home, and I am glad that our time is so near out. Charlie you must excuse this short Letter for I have caught a cold in my head and I do not feel much like writing and there is nothing going on to write about I will now Close by sending you my Love. Remember me to all and I Remain

Your Affectionate Brother George W. Fox

Co A 6th Regt. N. J. Vols Washington D. C.

Write Soon

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**Camp 6th New Jersey Vols near Culpepper Va Sep 21st 1863**

Dear Brother

I received your Letter in due time but as we have been on the march I have not had time before to answer it. I am well and hope this may find you all the same. We started on the march last Monday night. On Tuesday we crossed the Rappahannock and Hazel Rivers and we are now in sight of Culpepper. The Rebels are on the other side of the Rapidan River which is about five miles from where we lay We expect to move everyday and expect to have a battle so you may look out for news very soon. Do not worry about me for I will take good care of myself. I hope that we whip Lee here and I think we will.

I am glad that you like your place and I think it will turn out better than Nicholson did. I think that Eddie would do better in Newark than he is doing in Trenton

We received two months pay a week ago and I sent the check for \$20.00 to Eddie as I did not know he was gone away and I have never got an answer from him wether he got it or not and the next I get I will send it to Annie as Eddie dont seem to care wether he writes or not anymore and I shall not write to him soon again If he cant do me the small favor

of writing to let me know wether he received my letter with the check in or not I think it is about time to stop

I received a Letter from Annie the other day. She is well and was going to Phila. for a day or so.

I will have to come to a Close hopeing this may find you enjoying good health

Give my love to Aunt Ann and the Girls also to Jim Dewar take a large portion for yourself and I Remain

Your Affectionate Brother Geo W. Fox

Write Soon

P.S. Excuse this writeing as I am in a hurry. George

### **Camp near Culpepper Va. Camp 6th New Jersey Vols Oct 1st 1863**

Dear Brother

I have just received your ever welcome Letter and I glad to hear from you again We have not moved yet and by present appearances we are not likely to move soon, but things are variable here and we do not know wether we will stay one day or one month. We have all kinds of reports in circulation around Camp every one has his opinion and one cannot believe anything.

I am enjoying exceedingly good health at present and hope that these few lines may find you in the same state of Health.

Charlie I have been thinking about he money that we owe Nancey and I think the same as you, that as soon as Uncle Ralph gets Sammys affairs settled up that some of the money had better be payed to Nancey and settle up Joes board. I am not able to pay all of his board but am willing to do all I can. Every pay day I allways send some money to Nancey and I hope that it will be squared up before I shall write to Annie about it and state to her the circumstances.

Charley I am very glad that you like your place and hope that your employer may turn out a better man than the one you worked for before. I have received a Letter from Eddie since I wrote to you and he received my Letter & Check all right and attended to it. He spoke to me about the paper to sign but I have not received it yet. I hope that the money that Annie put in Bank for Sammy will be attended to and the sooner the better I think.

The weather have been warm & dry for the last two weeks but we are likely to have a storm now as it looks very much like it tonight.

Give my Love to all of our Folks.

As I have no newes to write I will close. Hopeing soon to hear form you again I Remain

Your Affectionate Brother Geo W. Fox

N.B. Excuse this blotted Letter for I have a bad pen George

Write Soon

Company A Sixth Regt. New Jersey Vol Washington D. C. 3rd Corps

### **Camp of the Sixth New Jersey Vol Catletts Station Va Oct 21st 1863**

Dear Brother

I received you Letter in due time & was glad to hear from you. I have not had time before to answer it for we have been on the march for the last three weeks hardly stopping to get sleep. I will give you a little insight of our march. We left our Camp at Culpepper on Oct 8th and marched to a small place called James City about 12 miles from Culpepper. Our Calvary under Kilpatrick had a fight with the rebles and we supported them. We started back for Culpepper which place we reached about 2 oclock on Sunday morning & we found that the whole Army was on the move. We took 8 days rations and then we started at 10 oclock for the rear. We marched all day crossing the Hazel River on Pontoon Bridges & we waded the Rapahanock after dark & encamped near our old camp near Beverly Ford. We kept on the march untill we reached Centreville & from there went to a small place called union Mills where we met the rebles & our Regt. was out on Picket & we had a fight. Our Regt. lost 1 killed 2 missing & 3 wounded We drove the rebles & we marched the next day to Greenwich & from there we cam here this morning I do not know how long we will stay but I suppose not long. The rebles followed us from Culpepper down to Bull Run & they have torn up all the Rail Road & burnt all the Bridges. If you where to see this place you could hardly tell that there was ever a Rail Road here This is a desolate country all the Houses have been burnt down & there is not a fence rail for miles. I have kept good health all the time am well now.

I am glad that you like your place so well. Eddie have never sent me that paper to sign yet. I wrote to Annie to day.

Give my love to Aunt Ann & the Girls & accept a large portion for yourself. I must now Close as it is bed time. Hopeing soon to hear from you again I remain Your Affectionate Brother Geo W. Fox

P.S. Give my Respects to Jimmy Duer if you see him

Write Soon

### **Camp of 6th New Jersey Vols near Brandy Station Va. Dec 7th 1863**

Dear Brother

I received your Letters in due time and was glad to hear from you. We have been marching allmost all the time lately and I have not had the chance to write. We are now in Camp but do not know how long we will stay. We have just got back from a long and tiresome march and as I suppose you have saw in the Papers that our Corps (3rd) was in another fight we lost about 250 killed and wounded. The 14th N.J. was in for the first time and they done well for new troops. They lost about 60 killed & wounded.

The weather is very cold & we all froze laying out nights but I have now got a comfortable tent up & a Fire place built but dont expect to enjoy it for long for I expect we will move every day. I heard that Eddie had gone to Hartford Con to work. It seems queer to me that he had to go so far from Trenton to get work. He dont seem to care for any body but himself but thank God my time is growing short and I will be Home some of these days if I live. I am anxious to hear from Annie I hope she succeeds in getting a peace. I am enjoying excellent good health and I hope this poor Letter may find you all the same. I received a Letter from Joe the other day & I send him a check on the Bank for \$15.00 to give to Ed Trimble so as she can get my trunk & keys it. Give my love to Aunt Ann & and Family also to all the rest I will have to Close for the want of news. Charlie here is a paper that I found at the Station in a building formally used as a Post Office. Excuse the lead pencil as I have no Ink.

From Your Affectionate Brother George W. Fox

Co A 6 Regt. NJ Vols

Write Soon

### **Camp 6th New Jersey Vols Dec 19th 1863**

Dear Brother



I recd your Letter last night & I hasten to reply.

For God Sake dont enlist I would rather see you go to State Prison than to come out here for a poor tool of a private soldier.

Now for gods sake do not get that notion in your head again I shall write more in a day or so

From Your Affectionate Brother George W. Fox

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### **Camp of the Sixth N. J. Vols Dec. 20th 1863**

Dear Brother

I now set down to write you a few lines I received your Letter the other day and was surprised at your thinking of enlisting Now Charley listen to what I have got to say. You at Home dont know or you cant begin to imagine the troubles trials & hardships that one has to endure out here and sooner than to see you enlist I would rather hear tell of your death. You may think this is going to extremes but I have saw enough and suffered enough to satisfy me what soldiering is and I hope to God that no one that is any kin to me will enlist and when I see young men comming out now I pity them. A Great many only look at the large Bounty they get but how many will ever live to enjoy it or how many is there that would give twice yes ten times that Bounty to be clear again after one or two hard marches.

Now I have been woring myself ever since I received your Letter and I sat down and wrote you a letter right away which I expect you got and I hope changed your mind. I hope to God that you will stay home. What would Annie say. I should think you remember poor Sammy and Cousin George Magie. If they had stayed Home they might of been living Today. One out of a family is enough to fall for his Country. I am well and hope this may find you all the same. Give my Love to Aunt Ann and Family. I Recd. a Letter from Eddie and one from Charlie Dennison last night and I heard from Annie. Hoping that you will stay at home and that I hear from you soon I Remain Your

Affectionate Brother George W. Fox

Write Soon

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### **Camp 6th N J Vols January 4th 1864**

Dear Brother

I take the present opportunity of writing you a few lines. I am well and hope these few lines may find you the same. I have been suffering with a severe cold for the last week but I am almost clear of it now. We are now in our new Camp and I have a nice house built with a good fireplace and am quite comfortable. A great many of our Regiment has reenlisted and have went Home on 35 day furlough. I have no notion of reenlisting for I am tired of This Soldering and will be glad when I get home again. There has been men here from Jersey trying to get the men to reenlist and have got quite a number of them.

William Vanhorn is dead He died day before yesterday of the Dipthera. He had only come from the Hospital about a week ago. He caught cold and got the sore throat and died.

It is snowing to day and we have plenty of wood in our tent and a good fire so the snow does not bother us much. Christmas and New Years passed off quietly and one would of not noticed anything unusual going on in Camp and I hope that next Christmas I will be Home. Give my love to Aunt Ann and family I have not heard from Trenton since the Hollydays

Remember me to all not forgetting yourself and I remain your

Affectionate Brother George W. Fox

Write Soon

Dont Forget to write

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### **Camp of the 6th N J. Vols Jan 26th 1864**

Dear Brother

I received your welcome Letter in due time and was glad to hear from you. You must excuse me for not writing sooner but I cut my finger and it was so that I could not hold a pen or pencil and it is not well yet. We are having fine weather here now and today it is more like Spring than Winter.

We have been building a Church and last Sunday we had service for the first time. It was crowded and besides we had some 12 or 14 Lays there. They are Officers Wives come down to spend a few weeks. There is Church every evening. Last night there was a high old time over to the 3rd Division Head Quarters of our Corps. They had a Grand Ball. Tickets ten dolls So you see it was not for private solders. The Officers have thier fun out here but we will have it Home. I received a Letter from Annie the other day. She is well.

Everything is very dull down in the Army at present, We are seeing easy times now but look out in the spring and then we will have to take it, but thank the Lord I have only one more Summer in the Army. I expect that the Soldiers at Home on furlough are having high old times well they may for it will be many a long day before they will get home again Some never will see it again.

My finger begins to hurt so I will have to quit. Give my Love to Aunt Ann and Family and all enquiring Friends not forgetting yourself and I Remain

Your Affectionate Brother George W. Fox

Write Soon

### **Camp of the Sixth Regt. N. J. Vols near Brandy Station Va. February 8th 1864**

Dear Brother

I received your welcome Letter last evening and was glad to hear from you again. We have just returned from a hard march getting in Camp last evening about 8 o'clock. Saturday morning we were woke up about 4 o'clock and got 3 days rations in our Haversack and expected to move at 6 o'clock but from some cause or other we did not get off until 3 o'clock that afternoon. We marched until after dark through mud and a cold rain and halted about a mile this side of the Rapidan River where we encamped in the mud for the night. There was hard fighting all the afternoon of Saturday between the 2nd Corps and the rebels. We stayed in the same place until yesterday afternoon when we started back for Camp and after wading two creeks and through mud up to our knees we at last reached Camp nearly dead but thank God this time next year I will be out of the army. Some of our Regiment that reenlisted have returned and they feel very bad for their good time is now over for a long time.

My finger is all right again and my health continues good. I got a Letter from Eddie the other day. He is well with the rest at Trenton. I was sorry to hear of Aunt Ann's sickness and hope that she has recovered by this time. Give my love to her and Family.

I see by the papers that the President has called for more troops. I don't see why he doesn't call for them all at once and not be making a call almost every month. I should not wonder but what there will be a fuss kicked up in the North if he keeps on calling for more men all the time for as fast as one call is filled he calls for more and the people will soon get tired of paying such large bounties.

Our Regiment has gone out on Picket. It is hard for they only came in Camp last night off a hard march and this morning had to go on Picket. I am glad that I do not carry a Rifle for we drummers don't have to go on Picket.

The weather has cleared off cold and the Mountains are covered with snow. We can see the Blue Ridge Mountains plain from our Camp. I will have to come to a close as I have nothing more to write about. Give my love to all not forgetting Yourself Write Soon From your Affectionate Brother George W. Fox

Company A. 6th Regt. New Jersey Vols 3rd Brigade, 2nd Division, 3rd Corps, Army of the Put Me Back.

P. S. I wrote to Annie some three weeks ago but have received no answer yet. George

### **Camp 6th N. J. Vols March 1st 1864**

Dear Brother

You must excuse me for not answering your Letter before but I will try and do better next time.

I hardly know what to write about as every thing is so dull and today it is raining and the Regiment has gone on picket which makes it ten times as dull.

I am glad to hear that Annie has got a place and am also glad to hear that Joe is to work.

I see by the Trenton Papers that they had quite a Fire there the other day Wilsons Woolen Mill Burned allmost down. I also see that the Good Will has got a Steam Fire Engine I expect they are in high glee now.

Charlie you would be surprised to see how the old troops are reenlisting Whole Regiments reenlist in a body. The Army of the Potomac must be small at present as so many are home on furlough.

I heard that the 6th Corps had gone on a reconnoissance and we got orders to hold ourselves in readiness to move at a moments notice but there is no signs of our going now and I guess the danger is over. We have Prayer Meetings every night now in the Chapel and if you where here to hear what a noise they make you would think you where near the old Greene St. Church in Trenton. Quite a number have been up to the Alter It is quite a plesant place to spend an evening and is doing a great deal of good If some of Our Officers would attend more instead of going to Whiskey Parties our Army would succeed better.

Give my Love to Aunt Ann and Family.

I will now have to close hoping this may find you enjoying good Health. From Your Affectionate

Brother Geo W. Fox

Co A, 6th N. J. Vols

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**Camp near Brandy Station Va May 3rd 1864**

Dear Brother

I expect you will think strange of me for not comming on to Newark before I left for Camp. I expected to get my furlough extended for 5 days longer and intended to spend those five days in Newark and New York but I failed in getting it extended although I have good prospects untill about noon on last Friday and I had to leave that night for Camp. When I come on again I wink I shall come for good. Everything looks bright in the Army and the men are confident of success and all think if Grant whips Lee in this next battle that the war will soon be over. I hope so anyway I dont think that we will move before the middle of this month as Grant wants to get every-thing ready and all the men he can get.

If Grant does get whipped in the next battle we will have a Democate President the next election and a Peace one at that. I see by the papers that the Draft commences in New Jersey to-day. I suppose that it will make a great time there. I hope that You will not be drafted for I dont want to see any one of my Brothers down here in the Army. One is enough at a times.

I am well only a little Homesick but will soon get over that. Give my Love to Aunt Ann and Family. I gave Joe a check for money to get him a suit of Clothes before I came away and Nancy is all squared up with now.

We had a heavey gale of wind accompanied with rain last night. It liked to blowed all our tents down but today it is all clear again.

Write soon and direct your letters the same as before Co A Sixth Regt. N. J. Vols Washington D. C.

Hopeing soon to hear from You I Remain Your

Affectionate Brother Geo W. Fox

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**In the Field June 1st 1864 [written on previous letter]**

Dear Brother

Not having a chance to mail this Letter before I write you a few lines to let you know that I am safe. It has been an awful campagne so far and the hardest is yet to come. I think that this Summer or Fall will see the Rebellion over at least I hope so. They are fighting now while I am writeing this. We are about 12 or 14 miles from Richmond I will have to Close. I have received the Paper you sent and would be glad to get another I got a letter from Eddy last night. All Well. I wish you would write to Eddy and tell him to send you that Recept of Nanceys for the money I payed her for Joes Board and dont forget. You keep it safe. Give my love to all.

From Your Affectionate Brother Geo W. Fox

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**Camp near Petersburg Va June 26th 1864**

Dear Brother

I received your welcome Letter in due time and was glad to hear from you. I am well at present and hope these few lines find you the same.

Charlie since I last wrote we have had some severe marching and have been in some hard battles. Our Corps (the 2nd) has lost heavy and so has all the rest of the Army. It is one of the awfullest sights I ever beheld for our troops and the rebles have been so clost together that nearly one half die of their wounds. Our Regt. has lost 16 killed and about 40 wounded. I pity the men who carry a musket for they are allmost certain to get wounded or killed. They are in a fight allmost very day. The weather is awfull hot and thier has been no rain for 6 weeks and no prospects of any. Everything is drying up and it is hard to get a drink of water sometimes we have to go two or three miles for a drink and the dust is awfull thick when we are marching along the road we cannot see 10 foot ahead of us for the dust. If we dont have some rain soon I do not see what we are a going to do for water.

Charlie I wish that I was out of this infernal war I am ten times sicker of it now than ever and hope to God that it will end this Summer. If I thought that I had to stay here 3 years more I would like to die but I hope for the best and think that the War cannot last that much longer. I think that Eddie is acting nice. I wrote him a Letter some 4 weeks ago and he has never answered it. When I was home I lent him 5 dollars he said he would pay me in a week afterwards but I have never got it since. I bought Joe a suit of clothes and payed nancey \$182.00 for Joes Board and I sent to Eddy for to send me some Postage Stamps and I suppose that is the reason he dont write. I shall never trouble him again and I wish you would get by bank book and I will send all my money to you after this. charlie if you will send me a few 3ct Postage Stamps you will oblige me and I will repay you someday. I have not received any money since I came back The Goverment owes me 6 months pay and I have not drawn a cent of my Goverment Bounty yet but will the next pay. Eddy has got into a bad set and he did not work half of his time whin I was home

If he does not do better he can never get along. Give my love to Aunt Ann and Family take a large portion for yourself and I Remain your

Affectionate Brother Geo W. Fox

Give my love to Joe

**Camp 6th New Jersey Vols Near Petersburg VA. July 11th/[18]64**

Dear Brother

Your Letter of the 6th came duly to hand and I was glad to hear form you again. I am well and enjoying excellent health and hope that this may find you the same. We are now laying quiet and nothing is going on in our front but on our right they keep firing nearly every day and sometimes quite heavy.

The 4th of July passed off quiet and seemed to me no more than any other day. It was altogether a dull 4th and I hope that it is the last one I see in the Service. The weather is awfull warm and we have had no rain for nearly two months Everything is drying up and the dust in the roads is knee deep. Water is getting scarce, we have to dig some 30 feet to get it but I am in hopes we shall have rain again shortly as I see by the papers that it has been storming in Washington D. C.

Since I last wrote to you I received a Letter form Eddie He wanted me to lend him two hundred dollars to buy a cigar shop out. I told him I had not that amount--now and if I had I dont think I would let him have it for I do not believe I would ever of saw a cent of it back I wrote him a long letter and told him what I thought of him keeping such company and I suppose he will not write to me again. I am in hopes that Joe will write for I would like to hear from him. Our Troops are building large Forts along the breast works and putting large Guns in them and as soon as Grant gets ready they will make the reb's open their eyes. I am in hopes that we will be able to take Richmond by Election and Sherman take Atlanta and I think the war will then soon be over

There is no signs of the Paymaster Give my love to Aunt Ann and Family. Charlie I am a thousand times obliged to you for the Postage Stamps and will pay you for them as soon as we get payed off. I will send you my money the next pay. What money I have in Bank at Trenton I will send you a check for when I send you the rest.

I will now Close by sending you my love and hoping soon to hear from you again I Remain

Your Affectionate Brother Geo W. Fox

Write Soon

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**Camp 6th N. J. Vols July 31st 1864**

Dear Brother

I received your Letter last night and was glad to hear from you. I am allmost dead fro we started on a march last Tuesday night and we got back this morning at 3 oclock and we where all tired out.

We went about 20 miles to a placed called Turkey bend Farm on the James River. One Brigade of our Division had a fight with the Rebles and we captured some 300 and 24 peices of Cannon We started back on Thursday night and marched all night halted at daylight about two miles form our old Camp stayed all day and at night we went out in front and releived a division of the 18th Corps in the morning (Saturday) our Forces blew up a Reble Fort and a general engagement commenced along the line and it was one of the greatest connadeing that we have heard lately.

Burnsides Corps advanced and took two lines of works and captured some Guns and a lot of Prisenors. The weather has been awfull hot and we suffered awfully from the heat. I was wet from sweat through and through and am not dry yet. You will see all about it in the papers, more that I can tell you. We are now back in our old Camp and they are talking about moveing us allready. It appears to me as if they are not satisfied unless we are moveing all the time. We go in Camp and go to work and clean it all up and then move again. I saw the 37th N. J. Vols while we where on the march They are stationed near the Appatomox River in a fort along with a Niggar Rigement They look as if they where all young boys and want to get home. Charlie I am greatly obliged to you for sending me papers. We expect to be payed off in a day or so and I shall send my money to You so look out for the Check as it will be quite a lot. Give my love to Aunt Ann and Family. Hoping soon to hear from you again I Remain

Your Affectionate Brother Geo W. Fox

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**Camp 6th New Jersey Vols Aug 4th 1864**

Dear Brother

Yesterday our Brigade received 4 months pay but on account of the Rolls of our Co n ot being made out right I did not get one cent of money and will have to waite untill next pay day before I will get my money. Enclosed you will find one dollar. Fifty cents I owe you for those postage Stamps and please send me Fifty cents with more in your next Letter. I am well and hope this may find you the same. I received a letter from Joe the other day. All is well. Give my love to Aunt Ann and Family and except the same yourself and I



Remain Your Affectionate Brother Geo W. Fox

P.S. excuse this Letter for I am in a hurry GWF

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**Camp 6th New Jersey Vols near Malvern Hill Va. Aug 16th/[18]64**

I take my pen in hand to let you know that I am well. We broke up Camp on Saturday afternoon and marched to City Point. Here we stayed all night and on Sunday afternoon we got aboard of Transports and came up the James River to Deep Bottom on Turkey Bend the same place that we where at some two weeks ago. Some of our Corps (2nd) had a fight. Our Division has not been engaged yet. What we came here for is a mystry to us for we can never whip the rebles in front of us as they have such a good position. I received your Letter yesterday and I am much obliged to you for the Postage Stampes. I also got one from Joe. He told me that Eddie had enlisted again but not in the Army. He is in the Invalid Corps and is stationed at the corner of Front and Warren Sts Trenton He is Drummer and I think it is about a good a thing as he could do for he will not have to come our in the Army, and will be stationed in the City all the time. He got \$500.00 Bounty.

Charlie dont you get it in your head to enlist for it is one of the hardest kind of lives to live and know knowen when you will get killed or wounded. I wish to God that I was out of it. Joe and the rest is well. I must of been crazy when I directed your Letter to Trenton but I wrote one to Trenton and I directed them both there in mistake. Give my love to Aunt Ann and Family. Charlie I wish you would send me the New York Sunday Mercury (Weekly) instead of the Herald Hopeing this may find you well i Remain you

Affectionate Brother Geo W. Fox

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**Trenton Aug 27 [1864]**

Dear Brother

I hope you will excuse me for not writeing and hear after I will try and write often Charley I have enlisted again but not going to war I am in the Invalid Corps I got five Hundred Dollars Bounty and I get sixteen dollars a month no on can enlist in it with they have been wounded or Discharged for Disability so you see I am one of them Disability fellows I am stationed at the cornor of Front & Warren and am home and likely to stay here. Charley you spoke about enlisting in one of your letters dont never think of it they couldnt get me drawn in the army for a thousand Dollars try not to bet enrolled Charley when they come to find your age tell them your are about two years younger than you are I guess your are not enrolled Everything is awful dull in Trenton Jack Gordan is out of work now

I wrote to George this morning we are all well I belive this is all at Present Hopeing to here from you soon I remain your

Affectionate Brother Edward Fox

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**Fort Crawford near Petersburg Va Sep 2nd [18]64**

Dear Brother

Your Letter of the 28th came to hand yesterday and I was glad to hear form you again and that you was well.

We are now stationed in this fort doing garrison duty. We have it a great deal easier than we have been having it lately It is one of the numerous forts in front of Petersburg.

Our Brigade has been luckey lately for we where not in the battle of Reams Station on the Weldon Rail Road. We did not get there untill it was all over and we where all glad of it.

It is beginning to get cool down here and at nights it is quite cold but warm in the middle of the day. I continue in good health and hope this may find you all the same.

We are all anxious to hear from the Democrat Convention at Chicago and there is a great time among the men guessing who will get the nomination. I think that McClelan will be nominated.

I dont care who it is so as they get the right man.

I got a letter from Eddie the same day that I got yours. They are all well. He appears to be very well satisfied with his enlisting and sayes he has got an essay job. I think he has done very well. Those men that did not reenlist in our Regt. started for Home last Sunday thier was only 61 of them and I was wishing I was one of them. The 5th went the same say and the 8th goes on the 13th of this month and the 7th not untill the 2nd of Oct. The majority of all them remains and we dont miss them much. I hope you succeeded in getting me a Sunday Mercury for I want to see the proceedings of the Democrat Convention. Alec Cochrane used to send me the Mercury but since I cam from Home he has not sent it because I (expect) I did not come or to see him when I was home. Give my love to Aunt Ann and Family not forgetting Yourself. I told Eddie to write to you. Hopeing you will write Soon again I Remain Your

Affectionate Brother George W. Fox

This Fort is named after Gen Crawford commanding one of the divisions in our Corps (2nd)

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**Camp 6th N. J. Vols In Front of Petersburg Va. Sep 19/[18]64**

Dear Brother

Your Letter of the 13th inst. came to hand this morning and I was glad to hear from you again.

I am well and enjoying excellent health and hope this may find you the same. I was glad to hear that Joe was on to see you and I think it will do him good to make a visit once in awhile on to see you.

The Army is in the best of Spirits for we all think that the War is nearly over. I think this Fall will wind it up. We are receiving reenforcements daily Our Regiment received 148 on Friday and this morning we got 28 more. The 5th N. J. Vols got about the same number also the 8th N. J. Vols. Recruits are coming to City Point to the number of 3000 a day and they are a good looking set of men. Everyone is in the best of Spirits here for we all think that the end of the War is close at hand. There will be a great Battle fought near here before long and I guess it will be the last large Battle if Grant gains a victory and we all feel confident of his winning. The rebels desert every chance they get and all join in saying that they are nearly played out and that this fall will be the end of them.

Charlie take my advice never get it into your head to enlist. I would rather see you go to the Poor House than to come in the Army. I am here and cant help it and try to make the best of it and often thank God that I am the only one in our Family now here. It will be a happy day for me when I get clear again and they cannot get me again for all the Greenbacks that Old Chase ever printed. There is no signs of our Paymaster yet. We are all looking anxiously for him for we have nota cent to save ourselves

Charlie I cannot thank you enough for sending me the 'Mercury' but hope that some day I may be able to repay you for your Kindness.

Our Regiment is not broke up nor is the rest of them Our Regt. to day numbers more than we have had for the last two years. There was only Eighty two-went home and Two hundred and Fifty-nine remained. Direct your Letters &c the same as allways thus Co A Sixth N. J. Vols Washington D. C. and I will get them all right.

This is all the news at present so I will close by sending you all my love hoping to hear from you again I Remain

Your Affectionate Brother Geo. W. Fox

Charlie here is something that I made. I found the peice of Alabaster in a house on the Battlefield here and I cut it in the shape and put the Initials of our names on it. You can

wear it on your watch Guard as a Relic of the War. George

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[Stationary printed with a drawing of a dove or pigeon with an envelope tied to its neck and "The U. S. Christian Commission sends this as the soldiers messenger to his home. Let it hasten to those who wait for tidings." "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

**Camp 6th N. J. Vols In Front of Petersburg Va Sept 25/[18]64**

Dear Brother

We received our Pay yesterday and enclosed you will find a Check for Three Hundred and Twenty Dollars. You will go to Marcus L. Wards and present this Check and get the money. As soon as you get it write and let me know I dont know what you had best do with it but use your own pleasure. I may want to draw some of it during next Winter. If you put it in the Bank I would rather have it in the Trenton Banking Co., but you can write and let me know about it.

Please send me 50 cts worth of 13 ct Postage Stamps in your Letter. I am well and hope this may find you the Same also aunt Ann and Family. Give my Love to them take a Portion for yourself and I Remain

Your Affectionate Brother Geo W. Fox

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**Camp of the 6th N. J. Vols in front of Petersburg Va Oct 6th/[18]64**

Dear Brother

I received your Letter in due time also the paper (Mercury) and was glad to hear from you also that you had received the Money all right.

Charlie I hardly know what to do with my money. When I got payed I got payed in Treasury Notes with Coupons attached and I was going to send you these notes but I found that I would have to express them and it was a great deal of trouble so I gave it up. These notes with Coupons attached draw 7 per cent Interest.

I guess you had better keep hold of it untill I come to some conclusion. I guess you can keep it safe enough for me I want to get Home this Winter and if I do I will fix things all right then.

Since I last wrote there has been a great deal of moveing about of Troops. We left the Intrenchments in from of Petersburg on Sunday Morning at daylight and went on the Cars to the extreme Left of our Army near Popular Grove Church, Our Brigade took a line of Breastwork from the Rebs and held them all day but at night we fell back about a mile and commenced building Forts. Yesterday we where Releived and we marched back to our old place where we started from reaching here last night at 10 oclock. You at Home know more what is going on than we do here except what our Brigade or Divn. does. We all waite for the Papers to see what we are doing.

Charlie I think that Richmond and Petersburg will fall but not untill a couple of weeks before Election. I beleive that Grant could take them today if he wanted to but he will waite untill near Election so as it will have a good effect on Old Abes election. Troopes continue to come here in immense numbers and we must have a large Army now.

Charlie I wish you would get me a New York Clipper with the account of the Fight between Coborn and Mace in and send it to me. Give my love to Aunt Ann and Family Take a large portion for yourself and I Remain Your Affectionate

Brother George W. Fox

Write Soon again dont forget the Clipper G. W. F.

**Camp 8th Regt. N. J. Vols Fort Stevenson Va Oct 21st 1864**

Dear Brother

I received your welcome letter yesterday and was glad to hear from you again. Our Regiment has been consolidated with the 8th of N. J. The men dont like it at all. It makes no difference me for it is all the same. We have a first rate Drum Corps now. The Colornol (Ramsay) is strict and he makes the men appear on Inspection like new pins. If they dont he gives them a log of wood to carry.

We are at this Fort Finishing it and when it is done it will be the finest Fort along the line. Only our Regt. is here The Regt. numbers over 900 men. There is nothing going on here except Mortar Shelling and they keep booming away all the time.

I am in good health and hope this may find you the same. I received a letter from Eddie the other day. They are all well.

Give my love to Aunt Ann and Family take a fair portion for Yourself and I Remain

Your Affectionate Brother George W. Fox

Accept my thanks for the Mercury.

Direct your Letters to Geo W. Fox Co E, 8th Regt N. J. Vols Washington D. C.

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**Camp 8th New Jersey Vols In Front of Petersburg Va Nov 3rd 1864**

Dear Brother

I received your welcome letter this morning and was glad to hear from you again. You can imagine my surprise when I heard of Eddie's marriage. Joe wrote to me and told me about it. I think he was in a hurry but I suppose he knows best. He thinks he is old enough and Large enough for to be over Six foot the way he talks. I should like to see Mrs Edward Fox I have not the pleasure of knowing her and if she is not any older than Joe says she is I think she had better of stayed with her mother (if she has any) awhile. It will be a gay old House Keeping. I expect the next thing I shall hear will be Mr Chas. H. Fox married to some young Lady. I begin to think I am a old Batch and I will have to look out or Joe will beat me yet.

Charlie I suppose you have read of our late move and its Failure. It was one of the greatest blunders of the War. The move was made to accomplish something so as to help elect Old Abe but it turned out the wrong way. Our Brigade came very near being captured. I thought that I was bound for Richmond certain but the Brigade charged and we escaped for which I feel very thankfull for as I had no desire to spend the Winter any further South. Our Regt. lost 75 killed wounded and missing. It rained all the time we where gone and we where up night and day. When I got back to camp I was as near dead as ever I was in my life and have hardly got over it yet. We are moved about every day not stopping twice in the same place. I see by the papers that our Brigade gets great praise for thier charging. It is raining today and it is cold and dreary enough. Charlie I wish you would send me some Writing Paper by mail as I am entirely out and there is no Sutlers here to by any of also send me some Postage Stamps and I will pay you for them Pay Day. We expect the Paymaster in a couple of weeks and we want to see him pretty bad as we are out of Green Backs. Give my Love to Aunt Ann and Family take a large portion for yourself and hopeing this my find you all we I remain your affectionate

Brother not Married Yet George W. Fox

Co E, 8th N.J. Vols

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**Camp 8th New Jersey Vols In Front of Petersburg Va Nov 13th 1864**

Dear Brother

I received the Envelope and Paper night before last and last night I received your Letter and the Postage Stamps and for which I am a thousand times obliged to you for. If I had

not of received them I should of had to stop writeing as I was entirely out and we have no Sutler here now.

Charlie we are, or the Regiment is in the Trenches now on the first line of works and it is a warm place as the rebel sharpshooters can pick a man off with ease for we are so close they have been there now a week and during that time we have lost 3 men killed and some half dozen wounded. The Conl. Quarters are about a half a mile back in the Woods and I am there and I am glad of it as it is out of danger more. The weather has been awfull wet and it is mud up to our knees out where the men do Picket Duty and they dare not have any fires. I dont see how they stand it. They cannot stand it much longer and a great many of them are getting sick.

I dont see what Grant is a going to do this Winter we cant stay here for there is no wood we would all freeze to death. It dont seem as if they are a going to do any thing and I beleive that he is Stuck and dont know what to do I am sorry to see that old Abe is reelected and have now made up my mind to stay my time out for the South will never give up to him.

I expect to hear of another Draft soon. The people ought not cry about comming out here now if they will vote for such a man let them abide by the consequences

I received a letter from Eddie also his Wifes and his picture It makes a Large Picture I should like to see him at House Keeping. Charlie there is some money due me in the Trenton Banking company and I wish you would get it when you go to Trenton and put it with the rest of my money for I think you can keep it as safe for me as them. Think it is Fifteen dollars. You can get my Bank Book and see. Get a Check and send it to me and I will sign my name and you can fill up the rest. I had \$55.00 in the Bank I give Annie a Check for \$25.00 and drew \$15.00 for to pay a man I owed which leaves \$15.00 remaining I got a Letter from Joe about a week ago. He says he is doing well. Charlie I send you my Discharge and I wish you would take care of it for me. I am well and hope this may find you and Aunt Ann and the Girls the same. Hopeing soon to hear from you again I Remain Your Affectionate

Brother Geo W. Fox

Write Soon

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**Camp 8th N. J. Vols In front of Petersburg Va Nov 26th 1864**

Dear Brother

Your welcome Letter came to hand last evening and I was glad to hear that you was well also to hear that you received my discharge which I wish you to keep for me safe as I want to get it framed if I ever get home.

We are still on the front line of works and it appears is if they intend to keep us here all winter. If we stay here much longer I dont know what we will do for wood to burn We have to carry it a mile now on our shoulders and in a week more we will have to go twice as far after it for it is nearly all gone from where we get it now. My Shoulder is so sore now from carrying wood so far that I can scarcely write. Charlie I have plenty of Paper and Envelopes now for what you sent me will last some time and the quality of it is so much better than we can get down here. I dont know what I would of done if I had not of got it as I was entirely out and could not get a sheet for love or money. The Pickets keep firing in front of us all the time and at night it sounds allmost like a battle and every once in a while our Battries throw a mortar shell at the rebs. Yesterday one of our mortars threw a Shell in amongst a lot of rebles that where working on a new Fort and it bursted and we could see parts of a man fly in all directions and afterwards we saw them come out and gather up his body and legs and carry them in the fort but they did not work any more. Our Sharp Shooters are out every day on the picket line and woe to the reble that shows himself.

Well Charlie we had a Thanksgiving Dinner. Yesterday a lot of Boxes, Barrels and Bags arrived at Brigade Head Quarters and they gave them out to the differant Regiments and for my dinner I got a leg of Roast Turkey 1 small apple 1 uncomly small cake and a spoonfull of pickel cabbage. The Turkey was excellent and it only made me feel bad for more. It was a great deal better than Fat-Pork and hard Tack I have eat so much Pork that I hate a Pig as much as I do a Reble

The Boys where all thankfull for thier good dinner and wish the people would do so again.

We are all anxiously waiteing to hear from Sherman Charley I dont know how I can ever Repay you for sending me the "Sunday Mercury" I would not give it for all the rest of the papers put together.

Charlie I wish you would send me Five Dollars in you next letter for I dont see as the Paymaster is ever going to come and I want to get some Tobacco and several other things. Send a Treasury Note as State money is hard to pass here.

Give my love to Ann and the Girls dont forget yourself and I Remain Your Affectionate

Brother Geo W. Fox

Write Soon I got a letter from Eddy the other day They are well.

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**Camp 8th N. J. Vols Popular Grove Va Dec 6th/[18]64**

Dear Brother



I received your welcome letter night before last and also the Five Dollars for which I am much oblige for as I was entirely out of Tobacco and there is no sign of the Paymaster.

We have moved as I am very thankfull for it as the place where we left no one was safe but we are not in a fine Camp and the men are busy as bees putting up Winter Quarters as they call them but it is hard to tell wether we will stay here all winter or not I only hope they will. I received a Letter from Eddie the same night I got yours He told me when he enlisted that he would help me pay Joes Board and I thought to be sure he would for he had plenty of money as he got as much Bounty as I did and gets the same a month now as I, so I wrote on to Nancey to see how much he had payed her since I settled up with her when I was home and Joe wrote and told me that Eddie had not payed her a cent. Now after I payed Nancey near a Hundred Dollars last Spring and getting Joe al the clothes he wanted which amounted to Twenty Five dollars which made one hundred and fifteen dollars I spent for him and now Eddie is not willing to help me pay one cent and he wrote me a letter and had the cheek to say so. He has for an excuse that he is married now and he has a Wife to keep which takes nearly all his money. Suppose I had a Wife to keep and would say that I wonder now Nancy would get payed It makes me so mad when I think of it and I have come to the conclusion not to write to him any more. The way he talks I suppose I must not get married untill he says so but must keep on paying Joes Board. About the amount of business is he spent all his Bounty amongst a lot of Loafers around Trenton and now he has no money to spare.

I shall not write to him anymore. It must come to a close as I am building my house. Hoping soon to hear from you again I Remain Your

Affectionate Brother George W. Fox

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**Camp 8th N. J. Vols Near Yellow House Va Dec 15th/[18]64**

Dear Brother

I received your letter last night and was glad to hear from you again. We have just got back from a long march of about 100 miles we went allmost to North Carolina. We destroyed the Weldon R Road for about 30 miles. It was a hard march and I never suffered so much in all my life. When I get back to Camp I could scarcely walk and my feet are sore yet. Charley dont never get it into your head to enlist in this Army for it is worse than a dog's life and I hope to God that none of my relatives will ever come out here. I would rather hear of your death than to hear of your enlisting in the Army and I only wish that I was out of it.

Now dont ever think of it again for it only worries me to think of it.

We are busy now putting up Winter Quarters but wether we will stay here it is hard to tell. The weather is awfull cold. Charley I wish you would take some of my money and

buy me a couple of good shirts some of our drum corps bought some Fire Shirts in Newark and had them sent on by mail. They are good Shirts and warm ones. Tie them up good so as the paper wont come off and send One at a time As soon as I get one I will let you know and then you can send another. If you think it best you can send them both in a Box by Express. You can use your pleasure about it. Also in your next Letter send me some more Postage Stamps take my money to pay for them. Give my love to Aunt Ann and Family

I am well and hope this may find you the same.

From your Affectionate Brother George W. Fox

P.S. Now dont you Enlist, when I get Home we can make it all right about Joes Board

N.B. Excuse this Letter as I am busy building my house. You can buy those Shirts at Kimballs in Broad St Newark N.J. Its a Gents Furnishing Store G

**Camp 8th New Jersey near the Yellow House Va "Christmas Eve" Dec 24th 1864.**

Dear Brother

This is Christmas Eve but it is a very dull one here, nothing going on except the men setting around fires talking about Sherman's and Thomas recent victory and we are all in good spirits for we begin to think that this war will not last long if we gain a few more victories like the last two or three.

We got news today of the capture of Savannah and all the Troops in the City and an officer told me to night that Butler and Porter had captured Fort Fisher at the entrance of Wilmington N. C. Charley i received the Shirt you sent this morning and it is just the kind I wanted and you can send me another as soon as you get this and you will oblige me greatly Do it up the same and it will come all right.

We are busy putting up our Winter Quarters and we are building some good houses. We get them finished I will be able to write longer letters.

Yesterday the Division was called out to witness the shooting of a Deserter. The whole division was present and formed a double line and the Prisernor was marched along the whole line following the Coffin and the Division Band playing a dead march. He did not seem to mind it much and at 12 oclock the Chaplin shook hands with him and he sat down on his coffin in from of his grave and the Provost Marchel tryed to tie the hankerchief over his eyes but he tore it down as fast as he put it up and at last he tied it around but just before the guard fired he tore it off and they fired and he fell back dead four bullets hit him. He belonged to the 1st Mass Heavy Artillery. That make Six I have

saw shot and I hope it is the last for it is an awfull sight. Charley there is nothing I enjoy so much as reading the mercury and I can hardley waite till it come.

Give my love to Aunt Ann and family and Hopeing you all enjoy a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year and hope that I may be Home next year. I will close by sending you my Love and hoping soon to hear from you again I Remain

Your Affectionate Brother Geo W. Fox

P. S. I see by the Papers that the President has called for 300000 more men. Now dont you enlist for God sake for there's enough without you. There is two of us now in the Service and one has died while in it and I think it is enough out of one Family. So dont you enlist for now I know when I am safe here all is safe of us. It worries me to think that you ever let it come into your mind so for my sake dont never come in the Army. George

### **Christmas Morning Dec 25th[18]64**

Charley I have just recd your letter and Postage Stamps George

Write Soon

### **Camp 8th N. J. Vols near Peterburg Va Jan 7th 1865**

Dear Brother

I received your welcome letter a couple of days ago but as I had not received the 2nd Shirt I thought I would not write untill it came. I am glad you enjoyed yourself while on your late visit to Trenton. I never spent such a Christmas and New Years before and hope that the War will be over by next Christmas Yesterday the Express Boxes came for the Regiment and the three drummers that first put up with me each received a Box from home and we have been living high since then. Eating chickens Mince Pie, Cake and Homemade Bread. We eat so much that last night we could not help it for it is seldom we get anything but Fat Pork and Hard Tack. We opened al the Boxes and took out what ever we wanted and you would of laughed to of seen us. We just made up our minds to have one good meal if we never got another, and we did. I thought that there was Fifteen Dollars due me in Bank but maybe it has been drawn out. I had \$55.00 there. First I drew Five and then Annie Drew \$25.00 and I gave Joe a check for \$15.00 and that is all I remember of but maybe Eddie has drawn it for something so you need not mind it and I will not put any more in the Bank."Charly" I do not beleive I will get Home this Winter as they are not giving any Furloughs except to some who gets Dispatches of their Folks. I am glad to hear that Joe is doing something. he never writes to me. I do not

think that the rebles can stand it much longer if Sherman and Thomas gaines a few more victorys like the last ones. I hope that the present year may see the close of it. I think they had better send old Butler back to New Orleans for he is no good in the Field. The "Mercury" came duly to hand for which you have my thanks. I set up half the night reading it. give my love to Aunt Ann and Family and take a large portion for yourself. Hoping to hear from you soon again I remain Your Affectionate Brother Geo W. Fox

P.S. "Charley" when you send anything again please put 2nd Corps on. also direct your Letters thus: Geo W. Fox Co E, 8th New Jersey Vols 2 Corps Washington D. C. By putting the Corps on I get it sooner I just found it out

Geo

### **Camp 8th New Jersey Vols near Petersburg Va Jan 19th/[18]65**

Dear Brother

I received your welcome letter last evening and was glad to hear from you again and also at the same time I got the "Mercury" for which I am much oblige for. I am enjoying good health and hope this may find you the same. I have not heard from Trenton for a month and I dont suppose they even think of writeing. You are the only one of all my relations that ever writes to me and if I live to get home again I shall not go to see any of them. I should think that Uncle Charles would write once in a while but he never wrote me a letter. I wrote to him about a year ago but he did not answer it so I thought I would not trouble him again. The rest of my Tent mates receive letters from all thier folks and I expect they think I have a nice lot of relatives, and they think about right. I think we will stay here untill Spring now and dislike to leave our good quarters but if it would help to finish the rebellion I would be willing to go all winter long for I am so awfull tired of this soldering. We hardly have a moments rest now for we are out drumming al the time for Reviews, Drills, Dress Parades & c Last night we received the news of the capture of Fort Fisher and such cheering I never heard befor. We did not get the particulars and I will anxiously waite for the "Mercury" I think that the rebles are in a bad way as they come in our lines every night and tell a most pitifull tale. The weather is cold and cloudy and looks like a storm. I am glad that you are not old enough to be drafted and hope that the war will be over before you are. We have been expecting the Pay master for a week back but have not heard anything of him yet. There is 4 months pay due us and I dont know how some of the soldiers familys do to live as everything is so high but the Goverment dont seem to care and I dont beleive we will get payed untill after Febuary and then there will be Six months and an instalment of Fifty Dollars due me but I hope we will be payed before then Give my love to Aunt Ann and the Girls. I will now close hoping to hear from you soon again I Remain Your Affectionate Brother Geo W. Fox

How about Poor old "Butler" everyone here seems to be satisfied

Write Soon again, G.

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**Camp 8th N. J. Vols near Petersburg Va Jan 30th 1865**

Dear Brother

I received your letter in due time and was glad to hear from you again. I hardly know what to write as things are so dull around here. There is nothing going on at all excepting Drills Dress Parades & c. The weather has been awfull cold for the last two or three days but we have had no Snow of any account this Winter. There is a good many going home on furloughs at present. They issued an order from Head Quarters that no furloughs would be given unless in case of Sickness at Home of some of the Family and there must be a great deal of sickness by the way the Soldiers get letters stateing that some one of thier Family is sick. We have been expecting the Pay Master for the last week but our Chaplain told me that he would not be here untill March and then pay us Six Months Pay. Charlie I wish you would send (\$1.50) one dollar and fifty cents to the True American Office for me for 3 months subscription for the Daily True American. Enclosed you will find the note and Envelope so you can just put the money in and put a stamp on it and put it in the Post Office. I am out of writeing paper and wish you would send me some also some Stamps Send it the same as you did before Take my money to get it with I dont like to trouble you so but I cannot get any paper down here worth writeing on. I am enjoying good health and hope this may find you the same. Give my Love to Aunt Ann and the Girls and take a large portion for yourself. Hoping soon to hear from you again I Remain Your Affectionate Brother

Geo W. Fox Co E 8th N. J. Vols 2nd Corps

Write Soon again

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**Trenton Feb 22nd 1865**

Dear Brother

I arrived in Trenton all safe and sound and will be on to Newark on Friday. As soon as you receive this please send me (\$50) Fifty Dollars by Mail. Direct your letter Mr G W Fox No 20 Washington St Trenton N. J. Answer right away as I am entirely out of money. All are well

From your Affectionate Brother Geo W. Fox

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**Camp 8th Regt. N. J. Vols near Hatchers Run VA March 14th/[18]65**

Dear Brother

Its with pleasure I take my pen in hand to state to you that I am safe back in Camp. Everything looks natural as ever and I found the boys all in good spirits as they all think that this Spring will finish the War. You would be surprised to see the numbers of Rebles that come in our lines every night. Last night there was 95 came in and there is more or less come in every night. Every-thing looks bright for an early settlement of this unhappy war but we may be mistaken only Time can tell but I hope for the best and that our army may continue to be victorious. I am in good Health only a little Home Sick but that will soon pass over as I am used to being down here in this forsaken country. There is thousands of recruits arriving every day and some of them are awfull sick allready of War. I pity them for I know just how they feel. Charlie I do not go to see about Sammys money as my face was so bad all the time after you left but I am in hopes that I shall be home soon again and I shall attend to it the first thing. Charlie dont forget to send me the Mercury as I would be lost without it. give my Love to Aunt Ann and the Girls I must clos4 as it is near Drill Call. We have plenty of Drumming to do this fine weather. As soon as our Chaplain comes back from furlough I will send you Fifty Dollars. Hopeing soon to hear from you and hope this may find you in good health

I Remain Your Affectionate Brother Geo W. Fox Co E 8th Regt N J Vols

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**Camp 8th N. J. Vols Near Hatchers Run Va. March 27/[18]65**

Dear Brother

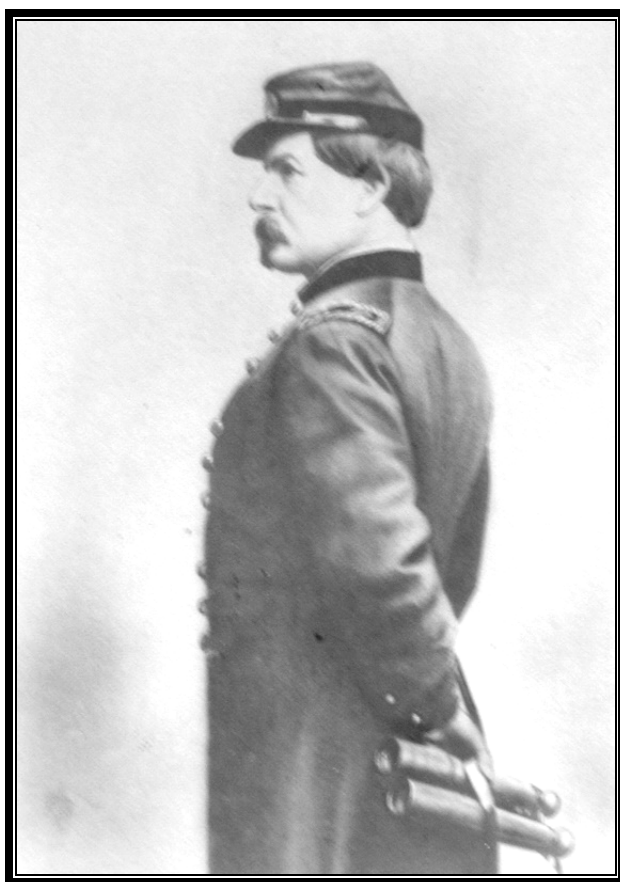
I received your welcome letter last evening and was glad to hear that you where well. Since I last wrote we have had quite a fight with the rebles. Sometime during Friday night or early Saturday morning the rebles attacked our works at Fort Sedggwick or as it is better known as Fort Hell adn they drove our troops back and kept posession for 4 hours when our troops charged and recaptured the works and killing and capturing a large lot of rebles. about eight oclock they began to fire in front of our Camp and soon there was a severe fight going on in our front which resulted in nether side gaining anything We captured the Reble Picket line and they all appeared to be glad to get into our lines. Our Regiment lost one killed and several severlly wounded. The 120th N. York, 11th Map and 11th N Jersey lost quite heavy they are in our Brigade. Everything is quite again except an occasional picket shot. I dont think we will be idle long. We are getting lost of Recruits and they all wish they where back home again. There is a going to a hard fight here before long and poor fellows I pity them and am glad that I have no Brother out in the Army Charlie dont for my sake think of enlisting for you cannot imagine what they have to go through. They are thought nothing of by the old troops or officers. Enclosed I send you a Check for (\$50) Fifty Dollars. I am glad you got my money changed for Interest notes. Give my love to Aunt Ann and the Girls also to all

enquireing Friends. I Recd. the papaer from Chalie Dennesson and was looking for a letter from him as I wrote last. I Received a letter from Eddie the other day All was well in Trenton. I Received the Mercury in due time for which you have my thanks. Enclosed is one dollar for which please get me postage stamps for & send in your next letter. I allso send you my Picture it is not a good one for it looks so grum. I will now close hoping soon to hear from you again I Remain

Your Affectionate Brother George W. Fox Co E, 8th N. J. Vols

P.S. Charlie dont forget the Postage Stamps for I am out.

George



George Washington Fox

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**Camp 8th N. J. Vols April 9th 1865**

Dear Brother

General Lee has just surrendered his Army to Genl. Grant. We have been fighting every day this week and Lee kept retreating and to day he found he was surrounded Every one is crazy with joy to night. Such cheering and Cannons firing Bands playing I never heard before He surrendered this afternoon (Sunday) at 4 oclock. I am well. I will close as I have to hurry to get this in the mail. Write Soon.

From Your Affectionate Brother Geo W. Fox

PS my Love to all.

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**Camp 8th N. J. Vols near Burkoville Station Va April 16th [18]65**

Dear Brother

It is with pleasure that I have an opportunity of writing you a few lines. I wrote you a few lines last Sunday just after Lee Surrendered which I suppose you received in due time. I have just received the Mercury and Herald last of the 9th also a paper from Charlie Dennison. When you write let me know the directions of him for it has been so long since I wrote I have forgot where to direct his Letters to Well Charlie we have at last whipped old Lee and his Army. Such a day as last Sunday was I never saw before. It appeared as if the Army was crazy. Every one was so glad and such hurrahing I never heard before. We layed on the Battle Ground untill Monday night and then we started back through a heavy rain to this place. We do not expect to lay here long but where we will go to it is hard to tell. The men do nothing but talk of coming Home and if you where to hear some of them you would think they were going to start the next morning. Last night we heard that Lincoln, Seward and his Son were killed in Washington but there is so many reports going around now I believe none but wait patiently for the Mercury and then I see the news. We get no papers only what come in the Mail and it comes very irregular. I don't think we will stay around Virginia much longer as there is no rebels in arms here now Where we will go to is hard to tell. Some say that Johnston has surrendered to Sherman but I don't see anything in the papers about it. He might as well for he will have to soon. Give my Love to Aunt Ann and the Girls take a large portion for your self and I Remain Your Affectionate Brother Geo W. Fox

P.S. I have not heard from Trenton for some time. I received your Letter and Postage Stamps all right Don't forget to give me Chas. Dennissons Direction. I used to direct his letter somewhere in New York the place where he worked.

George

Write Soon Hurrah for GRANT

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**8th Regt N. J. Vols on the Road to Richmond Va. May 3 1865**

Dear Brother

I received your letter just as we broke up Camp and I have not had an opportunity to write before We left Camp yesterday about 3 o'clock P.M. and we are now within 23 miles of Richmond We are ordered to Manchester Va It is opposite Richmond on the other side of the James River. I do not know how long we will stay there for I hear that we are going to Alexandria near Washington which all think is the case. We expect to be home this Summer likely before the 4th of July. All of the men think we will spend the 4th Home. I hope so but I fear we will not get there as soon but I think that we will not have to build any more Winter Quarters. Everything is Home now amongst the Troops. I will have to close as we only have 10 minutes to write. Hoping this may find you all well as it leaves me I close.

From Your affectionate Brother Geo W. Fox Co E 8th N. J. Vols 2nd Corps

I will be Home Soon

**Camp 8th N. J. Vols near Fredricksburg Va May 10th 1865**

Dear Brother

We left Camp at Burksville last Tuesday week and are now about 5 miles from Fredricksburg on our way to Alexandria. We have marched all the way and have not had enough food to keep us alive. I want you to send me Five Dollars (\$5.00) as soon as you get this letter. We expect to reach Alexandria by Sunday night. We have all ready marched 130 miles and have 60 more to go yet. We passed through Richmond Va. last Saturday I am well except my feet are sore and I am Hungry We have marched so fast that the wagons could not keep up to us with our Rations. As soon as we get to Alexandria I will write. Send me the Five Dollars with-out delay. We expect to be Home by the 4th of July.

From Your Affectionate Brother Geo W. Fox Co E 8th N J Vols

Send me a \$5.00 Treasury Note as State Banks will not go here

Geo My Love to All

**Camp 8th N. J. Vols Near Washington D. C. May 16th/[18]65**

Dear Brother

I received a Letter from you last night and one tonight also the Mercury. The Five Dollars came all right for which I am much oblige as I was greatly in need of it. We arrived here Saturday afternoon after a long and tiresome march of Two Hundred miles and we where out of Rations some of the time on account of the Wagons not getting up in time but we where all in good spirits for we knew that we where going where we would get plenty. We are now encamped on a high hill right opposite Washington. We expect to be Reviewed in a few Days. as soon as we get some new Clothes and get a little cleaned up. We have a large Creek running at the foot of the hill and we have a fine time washing. None of us can tell when we will be Home We hear all sorts of Rumors but I shall waite with the greatest patience for the happy day to come. I received a letter from Eddie to night. All well in Trenton. Give my Love to all It is getting dark and I will have to stop Hopeing soon to be with you all

I Remain Your Affectionate Brother Geo W. Fox

Write Soon

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**Camp 8th N. J. Vols near Washington D. C. May 23rd 1865**

Dear Brother

I wish you would send me Five Dollars more as soon as you get this Our Paymaster is not going to pay us off untill we get mustered out and I want to get a few things. To day is the grand Review of our Army and I expect it will be a grand affair. We leave Camp at 7 oclock a.m. and I dont expect will be back befor 7 to night. I will have to close as it is allmost time for us to leave. Send me a Green Back. Hopeing soon to see you I Remain Your Affectionate Brother Geo W. Fox P.S. Charlie this is all the money I will need till I come Home

Geo

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**Camp 8th New Jersey Vols near Washington D. C. May 31st 1865**

Dear Brother

Your Letter with the money enclosed came to hand in due time for which I am greatly oblige for. We so not know when we will leave for Jersey. Some Regiments have all ready left our Division for Home. They are mustering out the Troops first whose time expires before the 1st of October but there is an order I beleive now to make no difference. All Regiments are buisey making out thier papers and squareing up thier Book. They are trying to get all the troopes home by the comming 4th of July. Yesterday we where out on another Review and I hope it will be the last for it is about played

out We want to get Home and not be fooling around here Every Genl. that comes around here must have a review. Yesterday it was only a Corps Review, We where Reviewed by Hancock and about 500 wimon from Washington. The weather is awfull Hot and I feel like every thing else but writeing so you will have to excuse me this time. Give my Love to all.

From Your Affectionate Brother George W. Fox Write Soon

P.S. I received the Mercury this morning

Geo.

### **Camp 8th N J Vols near Washington D. C. June 22nd 1865**

Dear Brother

I received you Letter in due time but I have been waiting for something to transpire to write about untill I have at last come to the conclusion that I would write and let you know that I am well if nothing else. We know no more today when we will get Home than we did the first day we came here. We hear all kinds of rumors and I have come to the conclusion not to beleive any more. The Goverment has used us about as mean as they could and are still doing so. No one at Home could beleive how we are living We get wore food than we ever did before and less of it. Our Division Hospital is full of Sick and they are dying at the rate of six and seven a day. Here is one incident that has happened this week that I know off a man in Co "c" of our Regt. he got so bad that he could not walk they sent him to the Div. Hospital He grew worse and his friends sent word to his folks. A man who lived a neighbor to him came here a week ago, saw the condition he was in, so he tryed all a man could to get him home so as he could have some care took of him, but it was all in vain for they would not let him go and yesterday he died. This is one of the many cases that happens here every day. What the Goverment thinks God only knows. Men who have left happy homes to come out here to go through all the dangers of this kind of life and then to die after al is over is hard. We are doing no duty except daily drill in the burning hot sun of 4 hours If they dont discharge us soon there will be few left by the end of the Summer. The Food we have to eat is enough to kill a man. Instead of giveing us fresh Bread and some vegtiabls they feed us on old Hard Tack that has been baked 3 or 4 years ago and Salt Beef that has been in pickle for the same period. If they would pay us we could get fresh Bread but they wont do that and the men now have 6 months due them. How thier Familys live at Home is strange to me. I am in good Health and hope I may remain so. You need not look for this Regt. yet a while for I see no signs of us comming. I have not heard from Trenton for three months. Give my love to Aunt Ann and the Girls. Charlie when you send the mercury put 1/2 Day sheets of writeing paper in it for I am out.

From Your Affection Brother Geo W. Fox

Write Soon

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[Following letter written on paper printed with "United States Sanitary Commission"]

**Camp 8th New Jersey Vols near Washington D. C. June 27th/[18]65**

Dear Brother I wish you to send me Five Dollars as soon as you received this as I am in want of some money very bad. Our Rations are as scarce as ever and half the time we have to go to bed hungry. We have no idea when we will get Home but you need not look for us until the last as I expect that will be our luck. I wrote to you last week. My Love to all.

From Your Affectionate Brother George W. Fox

P.S. I hope you spend a Happy Fourth.

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**Camp 8th N. J. Vols Near Washington D C July 1st 1865**

Dear Brother

Your welcome Letter came duly to hand also the Five Dollars for which I am much obliged. Today has been an exciting one around here. Last week the War Dept. issued an order for the discharge of more troops but we were not counted in it and we are to be kept for how long we do not know but there is an order now in for us to move and we are to go somewhere around Harpers Ferry for what purpose we cannot tell and the way things look now we will not get discharged for sometime to come. There is the greatest time around here amongst the Regiments that have to stay that I ever saw and this morning the 105 Penn and the 7th New Jersey Regiments came out on the Parade Ground and stacked their arms and say they will not do any more duty as their time is out now the War is over and they want to be discharged. I should not be surprised if all the Regiments do the same tomorrow. They are not to be blamed as they have fought for Four Years and now want to get Home the same as the rest. We are nearly starved to death and the Regiments have now Six Months pay due them. What they want to keep us for I cannot tell. The men say they have fought to free the Nigger and have got themselves in bondage. The People at Home expect that about all the troops have been discharged but they will soon find out for the men swear that they will march to Washington and go Home with out orders. What they will do it remains to be seen. If they bring Regulars to take their arms and do duty there will be blood split and they cannot get troops enough to subdue them for they are determined to have their Rights. I am well but am almost roasted it is so warm and how they expect men to march to Harpers Ferry a distance of 60 miles this hot weather. It will kill about half of them. The cars run right by there but they are going to make us march it. I will stay until I get paid and then I am coming Home whether discharged or not for I am not going to be used like an infernal nigger longer. If the

Goverment foes back on me I am intitled to go back of them. All Prisoners, Deserters and everything else is discharged and now we are getting punished for fighting so good. Give my Love to Aunt Ann and Family. I dont expect that Joe or Eddy wants to hear from me as they never write so I wount trouble them any more

Write Soon

From Your Affectionate Brother Geo W. Fox

P.S. The 1st Delaware & a New York Reg. have just stacked armes

Good News Home

**Camp 8th N J Vols near Washington D. C. July 8th/[18]65**

Dear Brother

Last night Orders came for Our Regiment to make out our muster out papers and as soon as we get them made out we start for Trenton N. J. which I expect will be a week or ten days. You never saw such a time as there was in the Regiment the Boys was so glad that they cheered untill they where so hoarse they could not speak loud. Charlie come to Trenton when we come. I cannot tell the day now but I will try to let you know. Hopeing to see you in a few days

I Remain Your Affectionate Brother Geo W. Fox

Charlie write as soon as you get this & send me 1/2 Doz 3 cts. Stamps HURRAH FOR TRENTON

P.S. I do not know for certain wether we will go to Trenton or Newark. I will try and let you know in time.

**Camp 8th N J Vols Near Washington D. C. July 13th 1865**

Dear Brother

This Being my last Letter it will be a Short one at that. We have allmost all our Muster out Papers made out and expect to leave our Camp for Home next Tuesday or Wendsday. I am well and in good spirits and hope soon to be with you. We go to Trenton. Good Bye for a few Days.

From your Affectionate Brother Geo W. Fox

P.S. I think we will get off Tuesday 18th for certain and get in Trenton Thursday sometime.

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**Trenton N J Aug 23rd 1865**

Dear Brother

I have made arrangements to get Samuel affairs settled and it Requires you to be present to sign your name. It cannot be sent on as it would required a amount of trouble so if you can come on as soon as you get this we can soon have it all settled. You can come on at night and go back at 9.30 the next morning. Come on for certain.

From your Affectionate Brother George W. Fox

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**Trenton Oct 4th/[18]65**

Dear Brother

I expect you think that I have forgot you by my not writing but I have been putting it of every evening expecting to hear from Sammys affairs, but as yet I have heard nothing definite. The Office here is closed and I have to write to New York, which I am agoing to do tonight so I expect to hear from them next week. We are all well at present and hope this will find you and the rest the same There is nothing of importance going on here We have plenty of work at the Shop now as the Weather has got quite cool and tonight is cold enough for an overcoat. I saw Eddy tonight He is now in the Band at the Barracks and has things very good. The Good Will Boys are making great preparation for thier Excursion to Phila. next Monday week. Harry Bodin has went in partnership with Murphy & Becthel and have bought Scotts Binary out. Jack Gordon is working for them. Give my Love to Aunt Ann and the Rest not forgetting Yourself. I must close as it is Bed time. Hopeing to hear from you soon

I Remain Your Affectionate Brother George W. Fox