

Camp in the Field

11 miles from Richmond May 23rd 1862

Dear Parents & Friends all

Poverty has prevented my writing
sooner for I have not had a red for
six weeks and no writing material
yesterday I made out to borrow 15 cts
with which I bought 3 sheets of paper
one of which I swapped for an
envelope. We have not been paid
for four months which makes us
pretty short as we have usually been
paid once in two and calculated
accordingly. Consequently money is very
scarce. Prices are very high Flour \$15 per
bl. Coffee \$1. Tea \$3. to \$4 Bacon \$0.50
Cheese \$0.50 Butter \$0.75 - and other
things in proportion. The Rebels kill
and drive off all the Cattle Sheep
and hogs belonging to Planters
along their route so that things