

Dear Mr. Colver
/ Apr the last/6

Friend Edgar }

I am ^{quite} happy
to inform you that your commu-
nication of the 22nd was received
in due time and I was much
pleased with it. Letter from you
I found myself with to read
the boys in tolerable good health
I hope Edgar by the time
this reaches you you may
be enjoying your self better
for I know what it is
to be in that wretched mood
I'm quite happy to learn of the
girls good health but they
I understand they are commencing
to complain about the throats
and some say they will

enter the service I shouldnt
wonder if they had enlisted
for a period of "9" months
but I hope they will get
enough to last them till
the old fellows times are out.
while the vets are at home
for John time is up now
in a short time but Edgar
we are expecting orders to
march every day now for
Burnsides advance is as far
as Warrenton Junction
but where he intends to go is
a mystery to all but I think
he is to go by way of
Fredericksburg if he does the
Johnnies will have their hands
full to hold both armies
but I hope this summer may
end the War and we may
all return to old Brotherton

again

Well Edgar we
are having 9 1/2 hours and
a half drill a day now and
with knapsack to as they
intend to have the army well
drilled but I must close the
weather is fine but it begins to
rain and I hope they wont
have any drill but the is.
A vast lot of difference in
the weather down here but
I must close with my love to
your Father & Mother and the
boys give me in sending their
love to you hoping that wont be
last.

Respt I am

Dear Johnson

Washington

E. M. Dick

Brotherton

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