



Washington D C May 6th 1862
Friend Charles

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I am well and hope these few lines
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to day it has been verry pleasant
the most of the time since we
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well but not so well as I did to
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Description: Edwin Witham to Charles Cole

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here we w
first
of march Some tells us that we shall
be discharged before a month but
I hope they will give us a chance
to throw a few Shells before we
go home the is a fellow in our
Battery by the name of Frank Spiller
that used to belong to the Sebago
Company and he is a good boy I wish
you was out here with us I
have been in Swimming in the east
branch of the potomac two or three
times Since I have been here we have
to keep our Clothes Clean here and
have to keep our gloves white and
teeth white the Captain has bought
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