

I will send a. photograph
of Capt. Ben Davis, & send
it to you. I hope it will
give you the same & I shall
yet tell him to give
the one I am sending
and, &c.
Will, &c.

Camp at Brandy Station
near the Rappahannock
May 11th, 1862

Dear Mother,

Having a few leisure
moments this beautiful day, I
am seated to inform you of my
wellfare & whereabouts. I have but
a few moments to spare in writing,
as we are supposed to be ready to
move at any moment &c.

I am well & getting along finely
as you perceive by the heading. The
long & tedious march was taken with
ease. Sunday morning we broke
camp & took up our line of
march. we crossed the Rappahannock
River & came as far as Brandy
Station. our whole Corps is with
us. The whole Army has not
moved yet, but soon will. The

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