

P. Cozen & Co  
On Board S. R. Spalding

Apr. 19<sup>th</sup> 1862

Dear Alphon,

The board goes in a few minutes and I must send you a word. I hardly know what will interest you most, but will give you simply a few facts & reports. Our division has been total about body of late. Some times (including July) have been made from Washington & elsewhere & now, but for a word we are all well, in good spirits, & near the city. Yorktown within few miles of McClellan's

We are glad to be taken  
out of Mc Dowell's Corps  
& placed under McClellan  
There is a prospect now of  
a battle soon, In a skirmish  
yesterday 180 of our men  
were killed, & everything  
seems to be crowding on  
to a general engagement,  
Your kind wishes for  
us I think will be rec-  
ogized, I do not know what  
position we shall have  
assigned to us, The beam  
(old cannon) has been on  
shore, but what he has  
learned we do not know  
some some news one of  
which I have given you  
The men seem much bet-  
ter satisfied now than they  
did when taken out of  
Camp Hill & moved here

but he is as much  
long that Ed & I  
think much, I do  
not think he will ever get  
over it, (here he is afraid)  
I think he would not  
be one of the best  
Ed & I have done to all  
the work of getting the  
etc. but the Med. Dis.  
D. Close & I must rec-  
ognize this, Good bye  
write soon  
I write to Washington  
as usual  
Yours fraternally  
J. B. ...

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