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Letters from the Front Answer Key

Sample Letter - From Tom

Date: May 1862

Dear Jethro,

The camp is loud with the sound of marching and the constant preparation for battle. I thought war would be exciting, but it is filled with hunger, weariness, and the fear of what tomorrow will bring. Still, I want you to know that I am proud to fight for the Union.

I miss home dearly, especially the quiet mornings on the farm. Tell Mother I think of her cooking every day, and tell Father I remember his lessons about patience and courage.

Jethro, take care of the farm while I am gone. You are stronger than you think, and the family depends on you. Keep reading and learning—you will need wisdom as much as strength.

Sincerely,

Tom