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Camp Chase near Columbus
Sunday December 29/61

My dear & much beloved Wife and Children!

Last night we arrived here at about 10 o'clock after a ride of 8 hours from Cleveland, and we came here found that Lieut Chapman had a good Supper prepared for the Boys. (I send Chapman 1 day sooner). here we have Barracks large & Comodius I consider them as decidedly superior to the Tents, the Barracks for the Boys are prepared so as to accommodate 18 the[y] have Bunks to sleep on three in a Bunk and 2 Bunks in one length & 3 length over each other leaving a Room in front as large as our Kitchen My quarters are prepared with Bunk also & as warm as can be. I have nothing to wish for but my family & friends I left at home if I could only see you and the children onced a day, I would feel as happy as I could wish But as I have taken it upon me to be a bold Soldier Boy I must feel resigned and I feel it my dear Cary that I will come ere soon and neither you or any of my friends will feel sorry or ashamed that I have enlisted in my Countrys cause.

Lt. Col. Voris is a true & tried friend to me, all the time he has to spare he spends in my company all consultations he makes with me & in short I know his heart is right by the way the most heart rendering Scene I have seen yet since the opening of this Campayne was the parting Scene of Voris and his

wife at Akron, it was awfull, he is not going home untill after the war is over.

It looks now as though we would stay here about 2 Mos. at least.

By the way, when I went to dinner to day at the Boarding house on Camp I was talking to Chapman and when my name was mentioned a very fine looking Gentleman got up aproached me very cordially and introduced himself as our Colonel Burstenbinder and said a great many nice & flattering things to me, he is a perfect Gentleman & I know him and I will be friends. I saw all the Liberty Boys Harringtons, Remely, Cline, Foust, & other as soon as they heard I had come they came & want me to try & have them transferred in my Company also Frank Manderbach (tell Jacob).

Gensdarm Jacob Graesley is still my servant & he makes a first rate one he takes the best kind of care of me and my things. I intend to come the latter part of the week and tell you a great many pretty things.

While I write to you I can hear 2 Bands playing and the drummers beating. This is most a magnificent day and the Guard mounting & dress parade to day was splendit, I wish to God you and the Children and Onkel Joseph were here what a nice time we would have. I hope that the children are all hearty and behave well so that I will hear no complaint I hope they will make

their dear mother no trouble, because she has trouble enough while their Papa is away, o but I will love them so well if they are right good children.

My dear wife I bid you for the sake of the love I bear towards you be easy, dont trouble yourself any, but take the times as easy as you possible can & let us hope and trust that the day will not be far distant when we will live together again never to be separated again and without any of those pecuniary troubles that I have had for the last 3 years. Farewell my loves & remember your ever loving husband & father.

Marcus

Give my best wishes to Onkle Joe & Elizabeth.