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Camp Chase near Columbus
Sunday December 29/61

My dear & much beloved Wife
and Children's

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 & commodious
I consider them as decidedly
superior to the Tents, the
Barracks for the Boys are
prepared so as to accommodate
18 the have Bunks to sleep
on three in a bunk and
2 Bunks in one length &
3 length one 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 once
a day, I would feel as
happy as I could wish

But as I have taken it upon me to be ~~as~~ a bold Soldier Boy I must feel resigned and I feel it my dear Cary that I will come in soon and neither you or any of my friends will feel sorry or ashamed that I have enlisted in my Country's Cause.

It Col. Voss is a true & tried friend to me, all the time he has to spare he spends in my Company all circumstances 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 Campaign was the parting scene of Voss and his wife at A. K. it was awfull, he is not going home untill after his the war is over.

It looks now as though we would stay here about 2 Mo^s at least.
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Boarding house on Camp
I was talking to Chapman
and when my name was
mentioned a very fine looking
gentleman got up & approached
me very cordially and introduced
himself as our Colonel Musters
binded 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 Bays, Harringtons,
Remely, Clin, Frost & others
as soon as they heard I had
come they came & want
me to try & have them
transferred to my Company
also grant Maudsback
(tell Jacob).

Hensdamm Jacob Grady
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
home the latter part of
the week and tell you
a great many pretty things
While I write to you I
can hear a Bands playing
and the drums beating

This is most a magnificent
day and the Guard mounting
& dress parade to day were
splendid, 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, & 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
possibly 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 with-
out any of those pecuniary
troubles that I have had
for the last 3 years. farewell
my loves & remember your ever
loving husband & father
Haven

Give my best wishes to Onkel Joe. Adieu

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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

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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.

