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HeadQuarters Color Comp.

67th Regt. Camp Chase

Jan. 3/62

My dear & much beloved Wife and Children

I just have a few minutes to tell you that as I was ready to start for home to day I recd. orders from Head Quarters that I was not permited to leave untill after the inauguration of the new Governor in which occasion we are to have grand review.

I am well & feel as hearty as I ever dit in my life & if could only see you and the children onced every hour would not wish it any better pecuniary as well as respectable.

My Company is Comp. C the Color Company of the Regt. & we feel proud of it. The new Col. Is very favorably disposed towards me and I think would do anything to please me. I shall have no difficulty in getting the Quarter-Master ship either for me or Henry & Joseph.

I can not say wether I can come Home after the Inauguration, but I send you \$10 and if you would only make up your mind to come here Friday night the 11th [IOth] I would call for you at the depot & you could stay and see the inauguration of the Governor elect & I know you would have a good time with me, you might bring Hamlin & Lizzie along or leave them at home if you bring them I can find somebody to take care of them & I take care of you. Let me know right off wether you will come or not, I wish to God you would I know you would enjoy it better than anything you ever done.

I am doing very well only I would like to see you awfull well, I am really homesick for you. I drilled the Boys all day & am getting to be quite a Soldier. my men love me & are willing to swear by me.

My love to all the Children, kiss them for me & say to them to be good children, & I will be all right.



Ever loving & true

Your

Marcus

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that no happier Choice could possibly have been made, by the is que institution started upon the Juggestion of the worthy Col Bucistentimeder and is contracted on the following manner, all the Field, Line and Staff Officer are united in and thep they appoint a Comitter of and Captain our 1 dient & one In Lieut who hay the provision Anperintend the Cooking and queride at the table and pude all to the meles we have beak Just at I Some at a clock P.M. We get Houm & Gep Brok What cake & e for Iprealipart Somp & cold meals for Simel and plendit table for ann Drined which & however call in the Reg. the average aferen week and the boarding could not be any better Quil I might a well here say that I weren had better appetite in my life, for Brill 3 hours in the fore = hoon and I hours in the afternoon, which I regularly

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Carpenter. Dacob is a first rate Servant, he closes any thing In the world for me and treats we as a friend, the Boys are all well, and feel well Except 1 as I that have bad cold the had good from but it is all goore Col Vois fust now came in my woom and is pairing the devil , going thend is pairing the devil , going through Sword generics, by as & fait to you he is all Jught a better & time queid I never had and & hurr you will be Desisfied with The loay he see me through Give my love to onche Jour. Henry and Greid Cohn tell them I will soon Camp life the children & Acept My love & jemencher your love foring hinsband di d

Head Quarters Company C 67th Reg. or in other words "at my lonely barracks" January 9th 1862

My dear and much beloved Wife! and good children! It is the Evening of [a] musty and foggy day, after Company Drill in the forenoon, Battalion Drill and Dress Parade in the afternoon and then only after I am permitted (in consequence of an order issued to my company to day of which you find a copy enclosed) [not found] to set in my own Quarters with nobody but Jacob with me to address you a few lines. I intend to give you a history of every thing that happened since we are here, that is a Synopsis and I know my dear wife that you will not be displeased with it, more especially if you enjoy my letters half as much as I do yours. Nothing has given me so much real happiness since I am a Soldier, as your letter. I read it about 5 times a day at least. It is full of essence of life for me, just like you, love, advice and full of practical Good sense. I think I have in my last letter given you a description of our arrival and I now propose to follow up and if I reiterate any already given to you in my last, I hope you will forgive me.

Allow me here to say that the officers of the 67th Regiment are as good, clever, and gentlemanly set of men as I ever met. They are men of the right stamp, men of means and of hearts and I do not know which one to mention to you as the best except it be Captain H. G. Ford who is about as fine a looking man as I ever saw, and as good as of mine already. He may probably come home with me.

I think [I] have already given you a history of our New Year's evening consolidation Feast and dedication of our Regiments Messroom. If I have not, allow me here to say that it was as pleasant a night as I ever spent in a company of men; everything passed off most happy and the consolidation was complete, not only of men of the 45th and 67th Regiments but of hearts and Souls of brother Officers, until 12 o'clock, when every body retired, satisfied that no happier choice could possibly have been made. By the way the Officers' Mess Room is an institution started upon the suggestion of the worthy Colonel Buerstenbinder and is conducted on the following manner: all the Field, Line and Staff Officers are united in one Mess; they appoint a Committee of one Captain, and 1st Lieutenant and one 2nd Lieutenant who buy the provisions, superintend the cooking and preside at the table and render account to the Mess. We have breakfast at 7, Lunch at 12 o'clock and Dinner at 6 o'clock P.M. We get Ham and Eggs, Buck Wheat cakes and so forth for Breakfast; Soup and cold meats for Lunch and splendit table for our Dinner which I however call Supper. There being 40 Officers in the Regiment, the average expenses are about from \$2.50 to 2.75 per week and the boarding could not be any better and I

might as well here say that I never had better appetite in my life, as we have our regular time for Drill 3 hours in the forenoon and 3 hours in the afternoon, which I regularly attend. My Quarters I had to fix up this week so that they are now just as good as our house in Millersburg with the exception of my dear family.

My Company is making very efficient progress in drill; there is no Company in the Regiment that can beat them. The Boys are all right and I am not saying too much when I say that they love me, like they would a father. I have no difficulty at all in keeping them under strict military discipline and had only onced placed one in the Guard house, whom I discharged from the Company for he was a thief. His name is Rose, he was from Fredericksburg and was enlisted by Chapman and John Irvine on Christmas day. Next Tuesday we have to march to Columbus for Inauguration. My Company is the Color Company of the Regiment and I tell you the boys feel proud of it. I have only been to Columbus twiced since I am here and that was on business onced and in Lodge once with 16 of our Officers. By the way we are starting a Lodge for our Regiment; we have 20 Masons in our Regiment that we know of. Our Colonel will not allow scarcely any of the officers nor men to leave Camp. One of my friends, Captain Platt, went to town yesterday without leave and dit not come back till to day. When he returned the Colonel ordered him

to report himself under arrest, deliver up his sword and stand a Court martial. I am very sorry for him, for he is a good fellow and meant no harm but such is military discipline.

I intend to come home after this week if I dare and stay a week at least. You have no idea how bad I long to see you all and tell you everything, but I will have to wait till my Superiors say so.

My prospects are O.K., everything will be all right. I get the best of treatment from Colonel down to Camp Carpenter. Jacob is a first rate Servant, he does anything in the world for me and treats me as a friend. The Boys are all well and feel well except 1 or 2 that have bad cold. We had good snow but it is all gone. Colonel Voris just now came in my room and is raising the devil, going through Sword Exercises. As I said to you he is all right, a better and truer friend I never had and I know you will be satisfied with the way he sees me through.

Give my love to Oncle Joseph Henry and friend Cohn tell them I will soon see them & tell all about camp life & C.

Kiss the children & accept my love & remember your ever loving husband.

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Camp Lander, New Creek, Va. January 27/1862

My dear and much beloved Wife and Children!

Onced more after a longer lapse of time than I can justify, am I permitted to say to you my beloved ones that I am hale and hearty and God only knows that I love you more than ever!

When I arrived at Camp Chase, Columbus, we had marching Orders and as I have very little confidence in the Orders that we get through some officers, I doubted very much that we should move for some time, yet therefore delayed writing until as I supposed [I] could give you some positive information. But Saturday night we got Orders to draw 2 days' rations and be ready to move to the State House, Columbus, to draw our pay and leave for Romney, Virginia. We left Camp Chase Sunday 11 o'clock A.M. and we came to Columbus. They only had time to pay off 4 Companies and unfortunately mine was not one of them. Our 6 Companies were hurried off, to meet the Enemy which, it was said was bearing heavy on the few Union troops. When however we came to Bellaire and crossed over to Benwood, Virginia, the Water was so high (the Ohio River) that we could not go on. Had to take Quarters in cattle and freight Cars. At 1 o'clock Monday night the Water got so high that they had to remove our train 1-1/2miles from Benwood. When day light came on and we were informed that we could get no further on account of Breakage in the

Railroad, I ordered my boys to pitch their tents right on the side of the Railroad track, instead of staying in the dirty Cars. No sooner had my boys pitched their Tents when the Colonel saw it; he ordered the Regiment to pitch Tents on [a] very pretty piece of ground along the Banks of the noble Ohio. We were permitted to stay until we were fixed when an Order came from General Lander to move on to Patterson Creek, Virginia, forth with. We got ready at twelve o'clock at midnight, crawled into a lot of freight cars and rode without stopping until we got to Grafton at noon next day where we stopped 2 hours and from which place I sent a telegram which I hope you received. From Grafton we went along and when night came it was reported we were to stop at Oakland, Maryland, but that was not done and when we dit stop it was 2 o'clock in the morning. Lieutenant Chapman and myself being tired laying in the Car and anxious to learn where we were, got out and walked along the track until we came to the first picket Guard. They of course halted us and through them we were informed that [we] were near New Creek, Virginia, and that our Millersburg Band was near. We could scarcely wait until morning [as] the Guard would not let us pass, but as soon as day we went. [We] found them all in Bed but not long and such a welcome it would have done your Soul good to see. We got a nice breakfast and eat some of Mother Tysher's apple butter. We pitched our Tents that day, Saturday, right on

the Banks of the north western wing of the Potomac; before us Hills, on our side Mountains and all around us very large Elevations of dirt and Rocks. Mrs. Southworth ought to be here [to] see the beautiful caves and everything for a splendit romance except Woman. Of that class of humanity I have not seen but one old nigger wench since I left Columbus.

I will not say to you much more. I shall write to you again day after tomorrow and give you details of myself and everything.

I never in my life have been kept as busy and constantly engaged. No place to write and no rest if I had place, for [listening to a] thousand questions of the Boys. Only let me say to you: be easy, everything is working well and you and all my friends will be pleased. Just keep in mind that my only hope of success is the conviction of your happiness and welfare and that of our beloved children. 0, just for one half hour with you and the little ones.

Your ever true and loving,

Marcus

My good little wife it is just 2 o'clock. I have written a letter for the Farmer since & 4 more. Everybody sleeps I suppose you do. Pleasant dreams and 1000 kisses to you & the children from your ever true Marcus.

Jamany For 1862 My dear beloved Wife! At is been quite a time indeed, fince I heard from you speept through the foregit of whom I have a letter to day. I almost had the Hores as form but otherwise I feel well there is writing ailing and speelt a Boil and a celtain infleasant place which I had go many all pearly and I mile gon my love my only compost to gray a good word to pro and doctor me. My dear Wife Reep up your opinsto and take care of your selves my your loge and the Children, a bright day is darning, Charge and Thee fications have been filed against and Col. Brenster Winder which will fend him W & course St. Col Voris. will be lot and then I am all sight I hand everelated to to decept the Rinaiter Master Ship Jund for Stor Dough and Amaile all that I can langently pustly out of it

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we would pay him so per months and he could ust only have a good place fut he would not need to enlist and sould go found whenever he felt lithe it. you much Excuse my milectanen way of writing to you to day as this is not intented for any and but you and first whatever I happen to think of first I posite. Theoday last & was Brighter Theoday the day for the fish time is my life in an Eminis Constry. The day is to far the opening about all the tracps present all the grands, Property and Information on the theory and Information on the theory and Information on the theory for the day is to far the present all the grands, Property ou my Ruendo dam gales house far all the Pickets in day tune, grave them Instanctions and Compensign and Parte at midnight I had to go and again and see wether the attrasto Pickets and ymands understand then Enfances my Orderly , " Wiggins " so de with the we word well amed with Revoluces to but gam un Energy the onlipsals & c and from 2 - 5 miles and it takes about 20 mile fiding to get around, I stord it lithe

a man, only I think the big side is the Father of my Rink O was to see my Friend & Ebright and Jer. Tyles we had a fine tige Ebright is growing to fee me Sunday and stay over might Allow me here to say but It Col. Veris is as time a friend as I enached li knows for and me and am all night I think throthy to have the Bog Joseph Henry here He are loaking daily far the Day marker to pay us off and then I what to pay that where with the Bank where the find Cohn is Bail and and then I am all night Spinky. My dear & seales wife this is the body time that I can see a clean hay of getting throng enough to make in armfortable if and Dod Spaces in halth keeps my dear farmily bee each light time this is baci happy logether give my love to my dear son Hamilin, tell kind to be a good boy and mind to my good daughter Liggie and my sweet thosey tell them I love them all and as dear as we get to a towa with any prospect to stay awhile I hill come and dec you all. Hennewled Jon Eres the Hours husband

Camp Lander, New Creek, Va.

January 30th 1862

My dear beloved Wife!

It is been quite a time indeed, since I heard from you except through Brother Joseph of whom I had a letter to day.

Our mails are very irregular and I almost had the blues, as some of my friends call it "Homesickness", but otherwise I feel well. There is nothing ailing me, except a Boil on a certain unpleasant place where I had so many all ready and I miss you my love, my only comfort, to say a good word to me and doctor me.

My dear Wife keep up your Spirits and take care of yourselves, my good Wife and Children, a bright day is dawning. Charges and Specifications have been filed against our Colonel Buerstenbinder which will send him h--1 wards. Lieutenant Colonel Voris will be Colonel and then I am all right. I have concluded to accept the Quarter Mastership, send for Brother Joseph and make all that I can lawfully and justly out of it and keep out of danger and that all for your sake, my love, as I have promised to you. If it were not for that my love or if I had left you and my good children in a way so that you were independent, I would like nothing better than try my hand in the military. I am a tolerable good Soldier and of my courage and bravery I think lots, if only I would dare to try it. You must not feel bad when I say to you that I would like to be at home just now, for I think I have been a little homesick, yet I keep up Spirits.

We are pretty comfortably situated now in our Camp as I have written to you, between the Potomac and the Mountains. We are within 14 miles of the enemy but no fear of an attack from the Rebels, neither from us on them, as the Roads are impassible for the transport of things....

Tuesday last I was Brigade Officer of the day for the first time in my life in an Enemy's country. The duties of the Brigade Officer of the day is to see to everything about all the troops present; all the Guards, Pickets and Outposts are under his control. I rode all day on my Friends Sam Yates horse, saw all the Pickets in day time, give them Instructions and Countersign and Parole [password]. At midnight I had to go out again and see whether the Outposts, Pickets and Guards understand their Business. My Orderly, "Wiggins", rode with me. We were well armed with Revolvers and so forth but saw no Enemy. The Outposts and so forth are from 2 [to] 5 miles and it takes about 20 miles riding to get around. I stood it like a man, only I think the big ride is the father of my "Boil." Dr. Ebright coming to see me Sunday and stay over night.

Allow me here to say that Lieutenant Colonel Voris is as true a friend as I ever had. He knows you and me and our circumstances and helps to make it all right. I think shortly to have the boys, Joseph and Henry, here. We are looking daily for the Pay master to pay me off and then I want to pay that note with the Bank where my Friend Cohn is Bail on and then I am all right and you too, just keep your spirits. My dear and sweet wife, this is the only time that I can see a clear way of getting money enough to make us comfortable. If only God spares my health and Keeps my dear family all right, by the time this is over we can live comfort- able und happy together. Give my love to my dear son Hamlin, tell him to be a good boy and mind and to my good daughter Lizzie and my sweet Mosey tell them I love them all and as soon as we get to a town with any prospect to stay awhile I will come and see you all.

Remember your ever true and loving husband,

Marcus

Write at least twice a week and I will do the same if possible.