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South Branch of the Potomac French's Store, Feby 5/62

My dear and beloved Cary
My sweet children!

I have written 4 letters since we arrived in New Creek and no answer. I rec'd letter from Oncle Joseph but have not heard wether you rec'd any of my letters. I fell uneasy about home, would give a good deal for a letter from you my dear. You are undoubtedly anxious to know how we came here to this beautyfull spot of creation. Well Monday we got Orders to draw 3 days rations, strike tents, cook the rations and be packed up and ready to move within 2 hours. You had better believe they huzzled them selves. We were ordered to report ourselves at Patterson Creek, Virginia, 8 miles below Cumberland, Maryland. We got there at 5 o'clock in the eve, when we were ordered to report ourselves at this place to Brigadier General Tyler, my old friend from Ravanah [Ravenna, Ohio] who is now our Brigadier General. (I saw him and you had better believe he was pleased to see me) and he told me he would try and have our Regiment in his Brigade. That's lucky for me. When we got here, however, at 12 o'clock night before last, Tyler had gone with 6000 men to attack the Rebels but when he got to the place they had left. Had we arrived here an hour sooner, we might have had

the pleasure of a night march to the enemy but unfortunately we were too late and had to wait all night. The Cars being open stock cars and awfully crowded, I preferred sleeping on 3 Rails in front of an awful big fire yesterday. I felt tolerably good yesterday, all except the crevices on my body from the soft side of a rail. It rained all day yesterday, and sometimes we had Orders to unload and pitch tents and sometimes not, still waiting Orders to march across the mountains after the Enemy or rather to reinforce Tyler. But at 10 last night we heard our forces were coming back and found no enemy and I had made preparations in a freight car for Chapman and myself. I slept "bully" and never felt better in my life than I do this morning, as bright as a dollar. My "bile [boil] is busted" and I am all right. We have sent a new [communication?] for the removal of our Colonel and are looking for his arrest, as charges and specifications are made sufficient to arrest and court martial any man.

I can say nothing about the folks about and through the country wherever we have been, from the fact that neither my Lieutenants nor myself make a practice of going through the country as a great many officers do, to get familiar with families and so forth. We stay with the Boys all the time.

Write to 67th Regiment Western Virginia.

Just now we received orders to move further down the road towards Hancock. Good buy my love, kiss the children & give my respects to all and rest assured that I am all right in caring respect. It will not be many days until I can give you good news and probably see you.

Lt Chapman wishes to be remembered to you.

Ever your loving
Marcus

Wiggins has a pair of Boots at Spence have them sent by Express with mine. I need mine very much. Ask Spencer wether he has made my Boots send them by Express. Tell Hamlin to be a good boy & Lizzie to be a good girl. Tell Oncle Joseph to be easy, that allthough it may be trying for him for a few weeks all will be right. I have to write in the car sitting up and have no ink.

Camp New Houge My dear air much beloved Wife. The Einelosed letter we worke on load of the Cars and was Send off with the Hegimental Letters and end Infeposed them to their respective destination when to and differray he pett this perming flaying that he could not get through and Lines to lake head withing that is we July of this min. We pikeled and tents Gesterday and are to a minomo comfortable again. The Millershing Band some up to un last might at 12 a clack they stept with us Scottered among and Hoyo and this morning ene

I invited the whole Mand and their Colonel who is a Splendit man and a very good fried of mine, to break. fast with use in my tent; My boys Willing 3 young hogo downing the pight, gave me a comple of mise hours which with other things made us a splendit pepart. I hegin to feel May imency and guile unhappy far not heaving any thing fun fun your dince I par fan last. If you can do write -5 Letters long weell tell me every little thing, your do pot know how it interests me to hear from you everything that happens, about and little Children and everybody else. Yorkily I mener felt beller in my life, I am not as fat but stant, my grid thanks

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right, I will Quem ont If this with home & money all @ arm fary far is that and Cal was so writtles that theeps and Mayo back and I am feared soe will never have the pleasure of being in front of a Butte but allmans days me will be paid. Grad king may sweet my good, my slear lette and keep you in good health so that your may enjoy a many, many pleasant time by the Orans and and the Theark Jam Ener time and living My love to all ahep Capt Sprigel.

My dear and much beloved Wife,

The enclosed letter we wrote on board of the Cars and was sent off with the Regimental letters and we supposed them to their respective destinations when to our dismay he returned this morning saying that he could not get through our lines to take or bring us any mail. We have heard nothing, that is we have had no mail since the 2nd of this month. We pitched our tents yesterday and are to a measure comfortable again. The Millersburg Band came up to us last night at 12 o'clock. They slept with us scattered among my Boys and this morning I invited the whole Band and their Colonel who is a splendit man and a very good friend of mine, to breakfast with me, in my tent. My boys killing 3 young hogs during the night, gave me a couple of nice hams which with other things made us a splendit repast.

I begin to feel very uneasy and quite unhappy for not hearing anything from you since I saw you last. If you can, do write 4-5 letters every week. Tell me every little thing; you do not know how it interests me to hear from you everything that happens, about our little children and everybody else.

Bodily I never felt better in my life, I am not as fat as I was by a good deal but stout, rugged and hardy.

As I am writing, the Report comes our Colonel is under

arrest. Hope to God it may be so; if not to day it will be to morrow....

The mail sergeant just now comes in my tent and says he is now going to try again to get our mail off; hope he will succeed and this may reach you. I will kiss this right here Kiss it off. My love to all my children and say to them their father is well and hopes to see them soon. Keep up spirit my love, all will be right. I will come out of this with honor and Money. All I am sorry for is that our Colonel was so worthless; that keeps our Boys back and I am feared we will never have the pleasure of being in front of a Battle but always away off.

If we stay here two days we will be paid.

Good buy my sweet, my good, my dear little Cary, may God bless you and keep you in good health so that you may enjoy a many, many pleasant time in the Arms and on the Breast of your ever true and loving,

Marcus

My love to all address

Capt Spiegel

67th Reg. O.V.I

Western Va.

I have our con int hay any Camp Jan. Jan. Va Febr 13 1862 My dear beloved Wife my faithfull Paroline. you will see by the above that our watchwood is onward onward, we are wow in front of the Calabrated Paw. Par Jamel on Ensul is fitnated this time The Patomack and Ballmion and ohis 12. 12 pm back at to and Mest, are amfull . Hill as promulain in front or and the East fishe, the Par Par Timel and ils mountain and the north and any of annount of Campo and and Santh! There must be Lovo troops in this Carrel

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Expect to be able to call him to my side. Tell Hamben that I was very much pleased to hear that he is such a good boy and that as some as came home and if I am in the land get when formuer Comes if he is a good hay he may stay with me for evects, tell Liggie that I felt so good when I fear that the is such a good while and that the teacher speaks so melly Les, that I allnow to cried Tell money can anterior to see him and that I'm Ta is at Parr. Purm. I and wishing on a chair and my last and unest clar fur to day, the Parade well beats Ener your love Mecous

I have no postage stamps and we can not buy any in this county

Camp Paw Paw, Va. Feb. 13, 1862

My dear beloved Wife
My faithful Caroline!

You will see by the above that our watchword is onward, onward. We are now in front of the celebrated Paw Paw Tunnel.

Our Camp is situated this time [with] the Potomac and Baltimore and Ohio Railroad now back or to our West, an awful Hill or mountain in front or on the East side, the Paw Paw Tunnel and its mountain on the north and any amount of camps on our South.

There must be 20,000 troops in this camp, artillery say 40 Cannons of all sizes, plenty of Cavelery, and Infantry. The drums and fifes, Bugles and trumpets and the numerous Brass Bands are continually heard over the voices of the Commanders of Divisions, Brigades, Regiments, Battalions, Companies and Squads. Guard mounting here, and drill in the manual of Arms there and every thing is practiced here to make one think and ask "who wouldent be a Soldier?"

After giving you a rough outline of our Camp situation I will commence and describe to you how I came here or rather give you a history of what had happened since I last wrote to you my dear.

I had just mailed two letters to you, one of which I had sent off 4 or 5 days and came back when I received notice that I had to sit as President of a Regimental Court Martial over 3 privates and while we were examining the witnesses of the first case Lieutenant Colonel Voris came in and said we just received orders to march immediately without our tents and probably would have a fight that night and also gave me a letter from you, my love and kind wife. And when I say to you there never was a streak of fortune nor any thing in this world that had a more electrifying in- fluence than that letter had upon me, I was a new man, could have licked a thousand Rebels myself. I read it and such a letter, so kind and so encouragingly [worded] and just at a time when I expected to meet the enemy. When I came to the words: "be careful of your health, be brave, be kind, be noble and be generous but above all be cautious," I called out Company C in a hurry, had them drawn in a line and they could not think what made me feel so good. I told them, that I just received a letter from my good wife and read to them the above Passage. They gave 3 cheers for the Captain's wife and we marched out and were the first Company in the line of battle, all of us feeling good. I never felt better in my life.

We marched 9 miles on the Railroad track when we were

taken to our "file left" up to a considerable of an elevation where I think I saw a very pretty sight: about 8000 men all in Regimental line having big fires in front and their arms back of them; the men laying down on the snow front of the fire and the Snow about a foot deep; the men all evidently well satisfied with their situation. We were marched in front where we took up our position by Companies the same as the rest, build big fires. I got 3 Rails, spread my Blanket and laid in front of the fire but my boys insisted on me taking 3 more blankets and I slept tolerably well, except that the pointy side of one of the rails would not soften down. The first time I ever slept in the winter on the snow out doors, but I had a letter from you and when I tell you I felt as good and as well satisfied as though I slept in a downy feather bed. My conscience is clear and I had just heard my family was well.

The next morning when our Scouts returned they brought the news that the Enemy had fallen back. We were therefore ordered about a half a mile along the Railroad where we were told to try and make ourselves as comfortable as possible under the circumstances. Our Boys fixed themselves shanties out of Rail, one end on the ground the other up about 4 feet high and covering the same with pine and spruce brush, also spreading pine and spruce on the floor and they slept in

[them] two nights. They fixed me a shanty, a big fire in front. The 3d day I was ordered with my Company about 3 miles on Picket quard, to report myself first to head quarters. I there saw the celebrated General Lander, the Commander of all these forces, a very nice looking General and a Gentleman. I received my instructions from him, went out and spread my Company in Picket Posts of from 4 to 8 on every little road and so forth for 4 miles, with instructions if they see anything or get attacked [to] fire and fall back to my quarter which was on the side of a hill where I kept my body guard of about 10 men and my 1st Lieutenant. We had not much happen to us of any note. At 8 o'clock at night I sent one of my men in to see whether the mail had come in. I thought what a pretty thing it would be to get a letter from home and lo behold I got your and Oncle Joseph's 2nd letter. You might as well make up your mind I felt bully When we returned next day to Camp all safe and sound when after I received a compliment from General Lander's Aide-de-Camp that I was the best Officer on Picket that he had met for a great while. We found our tents and baggage had come.

We commenced pitching them and last night I slept in my own bunk on a lot of fine Spruce and pine Sprouts, 3 Quilts over them and 4 woolen Blankets over me. I slept like a baby and feel good.

I am none the worse for wear, feel exceedingly good, take good care of myself, quarrel with nobody except Colonel Buerstenbinder whom I despise worse than any other man I ever knew, but we had additional assurance from the Governor last night, that as soon as the war department in Washington can reach them he will go to h--l and that will be in a few days.

I had a good deal of trouble with my Cooks. I tried several and none was worth a d--n. We have a good one now, one of my boys. We had a nice chicken soup and some pork. Sometimes our eating is hard but I can eat most anything now. I have eat boiled cabbage (boiled with pork) and beef) like a major. In short you may rest perfectly easy as far as I am concerned. I am sure I will get out of this in good health and with plenty of tin. Tell Oncle Joseph that my letters to you are intended for him and tell him also that I expect in a few days to be able to send money enough home to make everything all right and tell him not to be out of humor, that whatever I do good for me I do for him, and that I soon expect to be able to call him to my side.

Tell Hamlin that I was very much pleased to hear that he is such a good boy and that as soon as [I] come home and if I am in the war yet when summer comes, if he is a good boy

he may stay with me <u>four weeks</u>. Tell Lizzie that I felt so good when I heard that she is such a good child and that the teacher speaks so well of her, that I almost cried. Tell Mosey I am anxious to see him and that Pa Pa is at Paw Paw.

I am writing on a chair on my lap and must close for to day, the Parade roll beats.

Ever your love,



San San la Feby 17/62 My dear and much beloved Olife My good V much Children This is Monday morning and paining a regular flue Manday, I am felling on my bunk have a book on my lap paper on the food and and commicalis with my deadonce at home. I dit was freshedly woll how it came I dit with while Gesterday (Immay) the answer of was on duty as office of the day (and a regular dummes day it was) had no time untill after 10 à classe last pight enter - feeling very tred & land down an my Virtion Canch and slept fine dreaming of my good wife will Children and friends & left at home and a finest dreamet was. I had just mailed my last liter to your when the long hall was heaten, which is a Signal of alarm and calls every daldies out went informed to provide ourselves with 3 days rations and worth donn to the Capour Terror and allasto the Every. I never get was siest since I am in the Service 4 rept an the day I wish to you the last letter.

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in deder to out off the Netreat of the Energy who would be allack and the other dide from the Careley the y the Va , 4 ch and 8 this the Continghts Right We marched on the Pitte untill 20 clock in the morning when we were ordered to halk Squad right down and go to sleep if we good on our amo. Hall and I forgat to tell your that on on maid me had to chine a Hill of at least 3/2 miles long and unfull high a grand Vecency to behold by moonlight, an amfull Hill all the time on me file of high knows and chattered Pine and Opme trees and an the other Dide the grantest precipie down down as far as enan conto Jee, with an amfull pulling Water which at first fight wants haturally Itap a penn and male him look and admine and Whill at the Unfull, romantie and fearfull dight, if I had not had an adventage & should neve have got up the Hill, the advante pas that by Shepping I pase. forward douly shit 2 back back gaining one pace every time, had it been Visa Versa I were should have got up

Ont of get who and the facework of my Company too, with and anfull Headache, the Tweat head allmost equal to the East Liberty Offming and when we got out to me stopped, weekend Il wifed the Ameal, blomed off and at vice my Headach was gone and I felt Estremely good Thee light, and healthy and not a bid tired as though first got aff but of bed after Wyood mights west. How let un go back to where we Stopped and think of the happines I enjayed when you Mygand Thepped up and told me that he and I when boys of my Company, had talders a Blanket a price from my Bed and broke them with them for me, I then laid down one offlashet that I had buted me and & yglankers that the Hays but over me and Slept an good as ened & dit in my life, mee and warm major come to me a little he for the Theat of day and told me, let my la fall in quitely and mouch on

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hen Dyny to you that my bays my Officers and your humbe felt theen for a fight you only that who is time if we had been permitted Times and have a little fight and and one and agreed as form as The field comerced to them off and Stankets and One Coats forthing of Ances and that De pould of a Paule as a and were gronny your a Melet of an I march I fant we dit not get into the fight way nearen than for while and as I takels had been enfarmed by they changed their want and done all the fighting they kills about 40. tooll 51 profrances and evanuded some 40 as St the our falls last 2 killed and have I manualled When we waited mitell about 3 aclast in the afternooned and other forces met us, and we were ordered to march back to comp wel waded the Throw and camped in the woods for an hour and wade a big fire

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of the Osle leather Crocker , think low would do bully; I have treppassed on your patience to our march, we left the Woods this Lide of moreth Hiver at 3 a clock and reached here at 10 a clock wother happened and the march back ofen whe Goot that the Yays of the oben O hearing of our celuming fund a lot of Whickey and gene every Tray of the by the older Vieler, a hour of Whish We urrived in our camp at 10 ode, Friday Eve lew absence of 30 homo having marched #1 priles bredthe mountains Sleft on the From and waded the since two seed and had a happy to say I felt strong and after the march I feel hetter every day, I was somewhat desappointed after I carne home in the toe, and making his Calantalians on a wice wast in my buill and finding et occupied by Cal Univariet a freis of mine the Cal of the 1d Va Carley Where our Bandbays belong | who got supleced in the fight that day and my friend Holhe was very Carefully attending him, and & had Consequently to sleep an the flow but slept bully

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hew I tell you any sweet good unife that my thoughts my all, my very life can centrates in your wellbeing and that of my little Children and any brother mathe and disters, I means mon francicularly that you should take good cow of yours that I am all right and that if your funt take my advice you will reget write I do of your . I had a letter from Caho he days that you were all well as for as he Knew how does that come? Goes he ush know wether my family is well for I me? Have you done anything about my books? if you have not Dew them yet dem as pair for gen Nygani along, his Wife Knows all about, you may become formething time total in the Bot it will not cost any inne a boote of Something druk wont hint any bady you may direct the 13 of to Cumber land with and worke me about at (I rich all your letters for the time being Jaw. Paro In My good surfe and Children, gas Bhother and all, having uniken 3 Sheets of wonsense I hepe you will 4 cure and winke some Man line stones Macou

My dear and much beloved Wife My good and sweet Children!

This is Monday morning amid raining, a regular blue Monday. I am sitting on my bunk, have a book on my lap, paper on the book and am communicating with my dear once at home.

You may probably ask how it came I dit not write yesterday (Sunday); the answer I was on duty as officer of the day, (and a regular Summer day it was), had no time until after 10 o'clock last night when, feeling very tired, I laid down on my virtuous couch and slept fine, dreaming of my good wife and children and friends I left at home and a sweet dream it was.

I had just mailed my last letter to you when the Long Roll was beaten, which is a signal of alarm and calls every Soldier out armed and equipped, when we were informed to provide ourselves with 3 days' rations and march down to the Capon [Cacapon] River and attack the enemy. I never yet was sick since I am in the service except on the day I wrote to you the last letter. I had one of my old fashion headaches on the left side of my forehead over my eye, feeling as though it would "bust", but when we got the order to march I said

nothing, cheered my boys and got ready, taking a piece of chicken which our cook had ready and a hard cracker in my Havresack, my Revolver and Sword and started on the Head of my company, which position I held during the whole of the march, without once complaining. We were marched right behind the 13th Indianah Regiment, Colonel Sullivan. We started here at 4 o'clock in the afternoon on Thursday, mud knee deep for the first 2 miles until we got on the Winchester Pike. There it was not muddy, but a soft slippery snow. We were led on the Pike for 3 miles when the Order was given to turn off to the left through a rough and newly made road through the woods. We marched on this road about 4-1/2 miles when we were ordered to counter march to where we turned off and take the Pike in order to cut off the Retreat of the Enemy, who would be attacked on the other side from the first Virginia Cavelery, the 7th Virginia, 4th and 8th Ohio Infantry (the latter Dr. Ebright's Regiment). We marched on the Pike until 2 o'clock in the morning when we were ordered to halt, squad right down, and go to sleep if we' could on our arms.

Hold on, I forgot to tell you that on our march we had to climb a Hill of at least 3-1/2 miles long and awful high, a grand Scenery to behold by moonlight; an awful hill, all the time on one side of high Rocks and Scattered Pine and Spruce trees and on the other Side the grandest

precipice down, down, as far as men could see, with an awful rolling of Water which at first sight, would naturally stop a person and make him look, admire and chill at the awful, romantic and fearful sight. If I had not had an advantage I should never have got up the Hill; the advantage was that by step- ping 3 paces forward I only slit two backward, gaining one pace every time. Had it been Visa Versa I never should have got up. But I got up the foremost of my Company too, with an awful Headache, the Sweat pouring down off my forehead almost equal to the East Liberty Spring and when we got on top we stopped, rested, I wiped the sweat, blowed off and at once my Headache was gone and I felt extremely good, free, light, and healthy and not a bit tired, as though I just got out of bed after a good night's rest.

Now let us go back to where we stopped and think of the happiness I enjoyed when George Wygand stepped up and told me that he and 2 other boys of my Company, had taken a Blanket apiece from my Bed and brought them with them for me. I then laid down, one Blanket that I had under me and 3 Blankets that the Boys brought over me and slept as good as ever I dit in my life, nice and warm and soft until the Sergeant major came to me a little before the Break of day and told me, let my Company fall in quietly and march on.

After marching about a mile we came to the north River close by the fork of the Capon [Cacapon] River. It had no Bridge and we had to wade it. I jumped in, called for the Boys to follow the Captain, water up to my hips, a rapid stream, and sang Dixie and crossed it over first; Christ Keller, the boy that stayed at our house one night, 2nd. I think I never done any thing since I am a Soldier that endeared me as much to my Boys as that crossing the River.

We were marched on from there and halted in front of the big Capon [Cacapon] River, awaiting to hear the booming of the cannon on the other side and then cross it and give the Rebels fits.

We were allowed however to build big fires and try [dry] our clothing and for the first time I left the Company and went with Dr. Westfall in a House close by and got a room with a big old fashion fire place, where I stripped and tried [dried] off. My drawers, stockings, pants and so forth felt bully after we got all try. Mrs. Loy, the lady of the House, was [a] very fine old lady, very kind and a Union lover, (as she said).

When I say to you that my boys, my officers and your humble servant felt keen for a fight I say to you only that which is true. If we had been permitted to cross the River and have a little fight on our own hook, we agreed as soon

as the fight commenced to throw off our Blankets and over coats and go it. I felt just as certain of success and that I could give you a description of a Battle as I am now giving you a sketch of our march. But we dit not get into the fight any nearer that 1/2 mile and as the Rebels had been in- formed by some spy or other of our position they changed their road and dit not come to us. The Cavelery done all the fighting; they killed about 40, took 58 prisoners and wounded some 40 or 50. Our folks lost 2 killed and have two wounded. When we waited until about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, our other forces met us and we were ordered to march back to camp. We waded the River and camped in the woods for an hour and made a big fire and tried our-selves.

Since I wrote on the opposite page, I was called to dinner; Lieutenant Chapman cooked dinner to day. We had fresh beef soup with desicated vegetables and desicated potatoes in, fried hominy, fried desicated potatoes, beef, blackberry pie (which the Boys traded for cream), opened the can of peaches which Werner of Berlin gave me for the Surgeon General, coffee, crackers and molasses. A bully bully dinner of which I eat harty and after dinner we were called to Head Quarters to hear a dispatch read from Washington stating our troops took 15,000 prisoners and gave them H--1 generally.

This desicated vegetables are pressed and tried [dried]

vegetables consisting of Cabbage, Carrots, turnips, onions, salat, and so forth pressed in the shape of a "Butterkooche" [butter cookie] which if you soak will swell up and make a french soup. Desicated potatoes are tried and pressed and by boiling swell and are like other potatoes. We draw them of the Quarter Master as well as Molasses, Coffee, Sugar, Candles, Soap, Beans, Rice, Peas, Pork, Bacon and occasionally fresh Beef. We buy of the Quarter Master for Lieutenant Chapman, Lieutenant Childs and myself. It is hard sometimes on account of getting nothing but pork for weeks and still if we had Bread instead of the Sole leather crackers ["hard tack"], I think we would do bully.

I have trespassed on your patience with eatings and now go back to our march. We left the woods this side of north River at 3 o'clock and reached here at 10 o'clock. Nothing happened on the march back of any note except that the Boys of the 60th Ohio hearing of our returning send a lot of whiskey and give every Boy of the 67th, their older sister, a horn of whiskey.

We arrived in our Camp at 10 o'clock Friday eve, an absence of 30 hours, having marched 41 miles over the mountains, slept on the ground and waded the river twiced and had a fair prospect of a fight and I am happy to say I felt strong and good and now 3 days after the march I feel better

every day. I was somewhat disappointed after I came home in the Eve; and making big calculations on a nice roost in my bunk and finding it occupied by Colonel Anisansel, a friend of mine (the Colonel of the 1st Virginia Cavelery where our Bandboys belong) who got ruptured in the fight that day and my friend Kolbe was very carefully attending him and I had consequently to sleep on the floor but slept bully.

Their tents not being here yet, he and Kolbe stayed with me till last night when they got their tents, the Band boys stopping with my boys, except Tip Irvine who was quite unwell stopped with my 2nd Lieutenant.

Our Regimental affairs are still undecided. We had a letter from our Messenger who went to Columbus that the Governor sent him to Washington and he intends to be back by tomorrow with the Order of the Suspension of Colonel Buerstenbinder's Command. Would to God he may succeed. I hate and despise that man as I ever hated or despised man and you know I don't very often hate. Him and I are at the nicest quarrelling relations.

Lieutenant Colonel Voris and I still continue to be as good friends as ever was born; he is a friend, a man and my style. Our Major Bond and myself are very intimate; he is a jolly good fellow. I like all the officers of the Regiment except 4; the 4 I only dislike but one I hate above all.

You may tell Hamlin that I am well and very anxious to

see him. Tell him that I marched off for a battle, with Cannons and Cavelery; the Cannons loaded and the Guns all loaded and tell him I felt like fighting for him. Tell him that I have a nice Revolver that shoots five times at once. Tell him it would kill a cow across the Killbuck. Tell him when the War is over and I do not lose it, he shall have it to keep providing he is a very good boy and behaves himself first rate to you while I am gone.

Tell Lizzie that she must be a very good Girl, that before I come home I will get a Sesesh [Secessionist] Relic for her, which must be very nice. She must be a very good child and mind you and then she will get the nicest thing she ever saw. Tell Hamlin to write a letter to me in his A B C book style, and I will be very much pleased. Tell Mosey about me so that he won't forget me and kiss them all [a] thousand times for me.

Of course Oncle Joseph will read my letters that I write to you; they are no secret. Tell him that I often wish he was with me and tell him to keep in good Spirit and not leave Millersburg till I send for him. We do not want to leave Millersburg. If the war ends by Summer, I can raise quite a nice little pile of money and we stay in the Warehouse; we do not want to sell the Warehouse. I will send home about \$700 shortly. I do not feel like selling

the warehouse; if we owe anything to Henry and I should not succeed in getting the Quarter mastership for Henry, I will send the money. We are making out our January and February Payrolls. Things will soon be all right.

We may probably stay here for some time, tell Oncle

Josey that my fortune is his and what I make he shall have
his share, just live well and feel easy.

Tell Elizabeth to keep herself in good trim, be a good girl; and say to her, if she is first Rate, for her she may have my 3d Sergeant for her husband, the best boy in the Regiment.

When I tell you my sweet good wife that my thoughts, my all, my very life concentrates in your wellbeing and that of my little children and my brother, mother, and sisters, I mean more particularly that you should take good care of yourselves and keep up your Spirits. Just feel that I am all right and that if you just take my advice you will write often, sing, laugh, and dream of me as I do of you. I had a letter from Cohn; he says that you were all well as far as he knew. How does that come? Does he not know whether my family is well for sure?

Have you done anything about my boots? If you have not sent them yet send a pair for Geo Wygam along, his wife knows all about.

You may send me something nice to eat in the Box; it will not cost any more. A bottle of something to drink won't hurt anybody. You may direct the Box to Cumberland, Maryland, and write me about it. Direct all your letters for the time being [to] Paw Paw, Virginia.

My good wife and children, good Brother and all, having written 3 sheets of nonsense I hope you will excuse and write soon to



Your true and loving,

Marcus

MM July 19/62 My dear & Trother mores. I Enplose you think I have forgotten you, but not for, there is unt and have passing but I think of your and frequently have I dreamed of your and very often in the day bee your found Manning right before une a friend as you have alloways head you think looky dit you unt conthe then't as a doldier I peally have for far had hat very little time for me for as to pecreate or even wishe to any friends Thousand things to do and to allend Drill + Parade , marching & countermanding regisitions and description dichs, clothing afe & tregimental Owows and everything las to be attented to you know I am a of the by the they & I will now give you a little pishony of the past present and future of my unititary life, if I do not break down. When I sent into the feroice of calculates on being Duarter Marker of the At they which with the by the by the by the former, by which Mangement my Duaster Master ship of course wocher into a cocker that, to the great displeasure of many of my friends

And then rather chagined we. But fince that I am not formy as I thuist besides the Guiller there is no position outside of Military in a Hegt that page duttle times pay from 100 to 100 por day as they dell from \$100 to, 300 pollag at enounces prices and their honey as fine as the State the of this wether the law perteals them or work I was home on a Visit from 16th to 18th of last mot and the day that I for Missontown I got a confessed to form my Compy fortheith as we had morning ties. When a petermed to Columbin we left lieft day for la su Ocher to reinforce Deveral they! who where in danger from an attack of the Rebel Gent Jaaksan When ove arised at I Genvor In the this fore for rapidly that two has to men up hill about I less and campount a very mee flope of law along the hands of the grain this kine We camped there I day when the Throw fell and the Het passable we were fut in Whack Can and homied un to Men Preek la where at that time there was a force of about your Inf. 1200 Cav. 450 Juns of achillers

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it not been that my motiones unight be assailed I should not have marched, as I was very unwell with the Headacke of my wort kind and a severe Call all day. Int I started ain at the Head of my Comp as ear started for the frisk If miles the und was fully knew deep a soft smoch ugly und when however we gat in the woods the surve had not melter all but was ful Joing saway. When after 6 miles eforth in the Road lokew we were lowered to take the left Kond the 13th In. Truck was aleas of us & feveral O behind as I we had mareked and the troat oved the anfullest joughest highest mountain I have Deen (Efcept one which I will hereafter mention) about a miles When our Caveley Cal Came galopping up & Dan that the Rebelo were petrealing & we went But off the reheat at the facts of the worth Kines and the hig Cacapan, Chont face " march " was the own and en dit about face untill we came to the forther of the Kood, where we filed left and left oblique & vent it

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o fuel of grinning & picsting out of Road to get the lest way, was to go shaight though as it Vent up for above the thigh wherever and Vent. When Co, He I has Prossed I turned to my Ca & screamed " the wan that can not fallow his Captain is not worth having I going right in aleas of my Co the consequence was, my hays followed without beating rands, for which we were praired by the whole Hest after We got acrop we had in lunder files a fire Kept in live of Bills and wailed for the Every, but they Lanny ped: information from lower I donne Changed within if wile from I us and when we came up, now sofe the Carly gut a chance to fight as they had the start & men So prisoners among them a Cul en lof. gent 2 Capts & 12 Lieu Do A commen 48. we had 2 Heller and 3 wounded It is lake I am tred, it sains diffe had the bloads arrfull to me are likely to be idealwhile, I will finish my letter Dame ather line I am no hearty as I have been for to years not gibe as much heller but Stanler. Let we hear from your hear my love to once themt, Mach Suin Michael Alprilies, Onche Haly fan. Herman tall Almon Wholf your ther yours fugel

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when we change it pa Sometimes takes a week before we get a man those are our hartest time give my respects to Jac Mohler, you Thank for the Boleiver tall the Edilerty folks, I wrote to wow there a few weeks time that I should be major . Just wight could see things, which he gaw not find in the best Sale Herz" he ever plager give him any very partionlas uspect

I have no Stamps & care not here any therefore have to let this letter go unpair hope no offense of but lit paines, how glas I am to be com-fortable Deater by my little Camp Storm town hear the rain beat against my tent without getting in with land to your son having written Call Reliefo for and ah an

My dear Brother Moses

I suppose you think I have forgotten you, but not so. There is not an hour passing but I think of you and frequently have I dreamed of you and very often in the day I see your form standing right before me; a friend as you have always been to me is not to be forgotten. I suppose you think "Why dit you not write then" but dear Moses in my new calling as a Soldier I really have so far had but very little time for me so as to recreate or even write to my friends. Thousand things to do and to attend drill and Parade, marching and countermarching, requisitions and descriptive lists, clothing accounts and Regimental orders and everything has to be attended to. You know I am a Captain of Company C, the Color Company of the 67th Regiment and I will now give you a little history of the past, present and future of my military life, if I do not break down.

When I went into the service I calculated on being Quarter-Master of the 45th Regiment which by order of the Adjutant General was consolidated with the 67th and the 67th formed, by which arrangement my Quartermastership of course nocked into a cocked hat, to the great displeasure of many of my friends, and [it] then rather chagrined me.

But since that I am not sorry as I think besides the Sutler there is no position outside of military in a Regiment that pays. Sutler must pay from \$50 to \$100 per day as they sell from \$100 to 300 per day at enormous prices and their money as sure as the State Railroad of Ohio whether the law protects them or not. I was home on a visit from 16th to 18th of last month and the day that I started for Uniontown I got a dispatch to join my Company forthwith as we had moving orders. When I returned to Columbus we left next day for Virginia in order to reinforce several Regiments who were in danger from an attack of the Rebel General Jackson. When we arrived at Benwood Va. The Ohio rose so rapidly that we had to run up hill about 2 miles and camp on a very nice slope of land along the banks of the grand Ohio River. We camped there 2 days when the River fell and the RR passable we were put in stock Cars and hurried on to New Creek, Va. where at that time there was a force of about 7000 Inf. 1200 Cav. & 6 guns of Artillery.

Before we were there a week there was a least 20000 Inf. 2000 Cav. & 60 Guns Art. there I acted for the first time as Brigade officer or rather Field officer of the day. I had to visit all the Pickets, outposts, Guard & C, transmit the Countersign & Parole and go out again once after 12 o'clock

at night having acted several times in that capacity in Camp Chase Columbus I knew all about it the only diff. is that when you gallop round at Va. there was a possibility of meeting an enemies Scouting party, while Camp Chase the severest thing you could meet was an Officer with a Bodle, We stayed at New Creek 10 or 12 days when we got orders to march to Pattersons Creek and report to Genl. Tyler (a friend of mine from Ravanah) and go with him to Romney to attack Col. Loring of the Rebel Army that night, but unfortunately something happened to the Engine & when we arrived at the place of rendevouz Tyler had left with his brigade. We layed in our Cars that night and the next night, the Cars being so extremely crowded and old freight cars at that, I preferred to try for the first time to wrap myself in my blanket and lay on the ground by a big fence Rail fire and I slept bully.

After the 2nd night we were ordered to pitch our tents and as in New Creek we pitched between the RR track & the Potomac we had just slept in our tents one night when the next day at 4 o'clock P. M. we rec'd Orders to march without knapsacks & only Blankets and 3 days Rations in our Havresacks. We started being ready in a short time (the Col. Compy) allways is and after marching 12 miles we were stopped about 1 mile from here where we expected an attack from the Enemy, slept on our arms and on the Snow for the Rest of the

night and next morning our Cav. Scouts retd. with the information the Enemy had fallen back to 8 miles from here. We then commenced fixing Pens of Rails covering them with Pine and Spruce brush which is plenty in this country and covering the ground with them we got along pretty comfortable but for Mars stern com- mands. [On February 10,] I was ordered on outpost picket Guard with my whole Company which I cheerfully done, as it was something I had not done in the service yet. Nothing occurred that night safe a trunken [drunken] (I suppose) Aide-de-Camp party who endeavored to pass my Head Quarters by all means, when I got my 3 nearest Posts, 27 in number, and gave the Command: prime, ready, aim, when Mr. Aide-de-Camp and party [of] 8 on horses thought best to retreat, by first however saying, don't shoot we meant no harm. Next day I got Complimented by General Lander who commands this Division of the Potomac, by saying I, that is your humble servant, "Was the best Officer he had met since he took this command."

Three days we laid out that way when to our joy our

Tents came, we pitched them Wednesday last and slept bully on

Thursday at 3 o'clock in the afternoon we got Orders to march

within an hour, with 3 days rations no Knapsacks only

Blankets & overcoats & arms & 50 rounds of cartridges.

We left Camp at precisely 4 o'clock I had been quite unwell and had it not been that my motives might be assailed I should not have marched, as I was very unwell with the Headache of my worst kind and a severe cold all day. But I started and at the Head of my Comp. as we started for the first 4 miles the mud was fully knee deep a soft smashy ugly mud when however we got in the woods the snow had not melted all but was just going away. When after 6 miles over Va. Hills we came to a fork in the Road when we were ordered to take the left Road the 13th Ind. Regt. was ahead of us & several behind us we had marched on this Road over the awfullest roughest and highest mountain I had seen (except one which I will hereafter mention) about 6 miles when our Cavelery Col. Came galopping up & saw that the Rebels were retreating & we must cut off the retreat at the forks of the north River and the big Cacapon "about face", "march" was the order and we dit about face untill we came to the forks of the Road, where we filed left and left oblique & went it & such squirming picking out of Road & yet the best way, was the go straight through as it went up far above the thighs wherever one went. When I had crossed I turned to my Co. & screamed "the man that can not follow his captain is not worth having going right in ahead of my Co. & the consequence was, my boys followed without breaking ranks, for which we were praised by the whole Regt. After we got across we hid in bushes fixed a fire kept in line of Battle and waited for the enemy, but they having recd information from some source changed with ½ mile from us and when we came up, none safe the Cavlry got a chance to fight as they had the start & men moving, the Cavelry killed 43 took 56 prisoners among them a Col. and Adj. Genl 2 Capt & 12 Lieuts and wounded 48. We had 2 killed and 3 wounded.

It is late I am tired, it rains like h—l the Roads awfull & we are likely to be idle awhile. I will finish my letter some other time. I am as hearty as I have been for 16 years not quite as much better but stouter. Let me hear from you. Give my love to Oncle & Aunt, Marx, Simon, Michael & families, Oncle Hanz & family. Herman & all Simon Wholf & family.

Ever yours

Spiegel

Moses in my next I will give you a discription of Soldiers life, tents & c.

Address your Letter

Capt M. M. Spiegel

Comp. C

67th Reg, O.V.

Paw Paw, Va.

How is your wife & boys? I hear from home & C twiced a week only when we change it sometimes takes a week before we get a mail those are our hartest time. Give my respects to Jac Mohler Geo. Frank Fran & Geo Boleiver & all the E Liberty folks. I wrote to Wm. Wise a few weeks ago. Dont be mad when you hear some time that I should be major. Good night me thinks I hear Marx say. Chalomn, but if he were here he could see things, which he can not find in the best Solo Herz he ever played give him my very particular respect. I have not stamps & can not buy any therefore have to let this letter go unpaid hope no offence. Oh but it rains, how glad I am to be comfortably seated by my little Camp stove & can hear the rain against my tent without getting in.

Good night

Write soon

I feel easy now having written to you.

I just hear the off of the Guard call $3^{\rm rd}$ Relief fall out AH ah.

Sant. Jant. la Feby 19/62 My dead & good Wife! allthough I have unt head from you fine I work to you last, mor have to any thing her to report, get it will I and gatisfied he pleasing to you to hear This has been an empleasant day jaming all day to punch so that the sound is allmost a first deep in and Camp and our tent floor is govered with from from the most coming is with punds Marks & Shaes. Chapman It get along chants Daniel get along two proces get quantes fur theeps but and I ways almong lack other for And and as found as one count of dight of the ather fur 10 min. the acted is and the himt of the one. My Lieut Chille is a very quite busining Christia, Gentleman, bery pleasant and a goo fellow, of Conny any orderly iggmis you know is a brief un die camt and hind, we have together and right herd I went Counterman of what I paid in my last about om good

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My dear and good Wife!

Although I have not heard from you since I wrote to you last, nor have anything new to report, yet it will I am satisfied be pleasing to you to hear from me again!

This has been an unpleasant day, raining all day, so much so that the mud is almost a foot deep in our camp and our tent floor is covered with mud from the many coming in with muddy Boots and shoes.

Chapman and I get along about as well as any two "mail" folks could get along. We never yet quarreled for "keeps" but are always abusing each other for fun and as soon as one is out of sight of the other for 10 minutes, the other is on the hunt of the one. My Lieutenant Childs is a very quiet unassuming Christian Gentlemen, very pleasant and a good fellow. Of course my orderly Wiggins you know is a brick, no discount on him. We board together and right here I must "countermand" of what I said in my last about our good "Grubb". Since Monday last we dit not live very fat. Getting tired of pickled Pork, we have nothing but Rice, Coffee and Crackers, Crackers, Coffee and Rice. Our Quartermaster has not been very flush and we feel as though we came here to save our money and not to spend it and I at any case, feeling like dieting somewhat, just as leave do

without meat a week.

What are you doing? How do you spend your time? Are you in good Spirits? Is Oncle Joseph in good humor? If he is tell him for my sake to be wide awake and pleasant. I feel bodily as well as ever I dit and think this War will improve me in two respects. In the first, I can eat most anything; cornbread and cabbage is first rate. In the 2nd, I think I will not be half as much of a "Complainer" but always [in] good humor if you agree to be. In spirit I feel well and if only I hear once or twice a week from you all is right and if this War would only give me employment even in the position I hold now a year longer, I would have about \$2000 of my own earnings subject to nobody and loans paid for and the Warehouse partly and all would be right. All is right anyhow. I would like to have you safe all my letters I write so as to show me something of the War after it is over.

To night our messenger is coming back from Washington and brings us intelligence in regard to our Colonel. We all hope it may be cheering. While I write and sit comfortably by my little stove and a little camp stove presented to me by Lieutenant Colonel Voris, it blows and rains furiously out doors and I pity the poor boys on Guard.

I have at present 12 of my Boys sick in the hospital with

measles and mumps and about 8 unfit for duty in the tents.

Soldiering is hard sometimes and more especially at first; when they get hardened to Camp life, it is pleasanter.

While you would go through our Camp at this time 8 o'clock P.M., raining and blowing, you would hear passing the tents coughing like everything, the fiddle, singing, 3 cheers, probably all in one tent; snoring, some fellow telling a funny story; half of the boys laughing like every thing and the rest snoring in sweet repose. Really it is sad, strange, awful and amusing. What is my big son Hamlin doing? Is he growing and learning? Does he behave well? Dit you tell him to write to me? and about his Pistol? How is my big daughter Lizzie? Is she still learning as fast? I know she is a good child, because she allways was a good daughter. How is my sweet Mosey? Has he forgot me? How is his eye? I must quit or else I'll get homesick. Tell Oncle Josey that I have a very pleasant letter from Chicago all right there.

Give Elizabeth my respects as also Henry, Cohn & family and remember to write to your ever true and afecionate,

Marcus

Send me 50c worth of stamps

Sart. Fast fa Orchy 25/1862 my dear dear Wife Asmees Children. from very good letter I pear Some days ago and Should have answered ew this but I Ansposed that I would get another one food after they as, I fam by your letter that you hat not pear I of my letters. In the first place I was very much grieved to learn of my good Jox Hambir falling and training his, ancle hint as I fee in your Migh letter, that it is not very had dam in hopes it will be all hight by this time, he ought to be carefull, else he will have a lame Omale all the time and prever make a good caldier I Jay as afon dead Wife I think the coar will foun be weed get I do not thinks the will be modered onthe dervice very form, weither as I am faging \$125 por month, think that is about. to well as a man can do ameiderniz hard times

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to Court markal horn, La far for good. The way I We have a men Hay presented Cloveland, which the Com. Sen! Themen presented to our Very mice Officech. Odd Ebright and ampelf ace together allmost daily and pretty well. I think I wight well tell you, that I had the beggest the back of any need, as big as a hear Egg, it has been mining aim for I days to The Cover is not yet out, my Justenants Chapman and Childs place follest it regular with Lineed or Felagreed polls washed it twine a day couch Cast Steel deap and Janeseed de you level Saw, but hefore et was open I was allmost homesiell, they Day it was Or much from to dqueece it as it from out hy sporaful It does not hust me any get the covered tolleping to

This is my chay full Officer of the day " and it is now !! a doest in the Ene and device Noon lave to make the grand We get paid the good march do the Daymarkey Sain this Week am then I will sem you forme money, as all that is one after a pay the mile to Joseph to hold on and unt get the blues " as & will blow per him; can be not get fimelling to do in Millenting for awhite. I have no Idea that we leave here contill the Mondo - Get hetter, as they are to muddy to more men, houses, or atilled I think you can not complain of me how, as I write twice wery week. you write me just as they he have and what they do & if it is good it makes me feel en good an love them so much, but if let is had a do not like if a his Alimber ought to come first allha Single is the first fiel after the Since Hambin is the first boy after one and I am the allest

That really tickled one I had to laugh over it get in my bed at might at it seemed Mon much not let Morey that if I should come home and he wit there we. How is Henry Herzer getting aling to chareph? la Cohn ? It all the feely I was very sorry to learn It Chapman to learn of my . old friend Chipmans death. With the Mithodist make any impression and find before he dieil? I do not care if you do not write me any thing whant the Millerbury lows. as I de generally here all that is going an , andy wishe me Thildren what they say Ida Horn every wille thing gang write often and long loving letters, you have no delea hom refreshing they are, to a Caldree and more Depleciably to free a one as me, whose whole dell delle Loul is home, home.

Mail Comes in to and 1 letter from your phall While I write on vine made table con which Sleeps my bay, Chapman is from on and eff Jendy trotting up and down in Front of my lent allthough late you ban get hear a gold If of my boys male din came home from the Haspital well among them hason Juaghly the few dawn " I have get yin The" Cumberland Haspit are dong pretty well, but one John annow is pretty Lich. Thy the Way how is Amo Unacon? I wish you would find but as mi ammon can but get won from her. Clint your gelling lived getting Anch long long letters from Ine! the often and way letters, your Con not worke to letters are allways God sent of once Joseph has any rather, & Comence Coresponi with him, just let him day so. We are now getting daily mail. your night my love, my dear my all, Kemember your ever time husbacio Шагон

My dear Wife and sweet children:

Your very good letter of the $12^{\rm th}$ I recd. some days ago and should have answered ere this, but I supposed that I would get another one soon after that as I saw by your letter that you had not recd 2 of my letters.

In the first place I was very much grieved to learn of my good Son, Hamlin's falling and straining his ancle, but as I see in your kind letter, that it is not very bad I am in hopes it will be all right by this time, he ought to be carefull, else he will have a lame ancle all the time and never make a good Soldier.

I say as you, dear Wife, I think the War will soon be over. Yet I do not think we will be mustered out of Service very soon, neither do I care much, as long as I am safing \$125 per month, think that is about as well as a man can do, considering hard times, and would it not be for being away from my family I would not care if I would have to stay 3 years, but I am really getting to feel as though I ought to go home and see you. It would be such a delight; nobody can appreciate it, as I could. I have not seen but 2 families since I came to Virginia and both of them were not very

sociable. I am in hopes that I can go home in April and stay during Wool season as I have a very nice "Family Arrangement" to report on which I am sure our Commanding General Lander will excuse me and grant me a furlough.

There has nothing of any military importance transpired here since I have written to you last, only that there is an Order here from the War Department at Washington for the investigation of the charges against our Colonel. We were examined once before a Military Commission and they have reported to court martial him, so far so good. By the way we have a new Flag presented to us by the Ladies of Cleveland, which the Commanding General Lander presented to our Regiment on the 22nd with a very nice Speech.

Dr. Ebright and myself are together almost daily and I believe we enjoy our visits pretty well.

I think I might as well tell you, that I had the biggest bile [boil] I ever had right in the back of my neck, as big as a hen Egg. It has been running now for 5 days and the core is not yet out. My Lieutenants Chapman and Childs have poltest [poulticed] it regular with Linseed or Flaxseed poltess, washed it twice a day with Cast Steel [castile] Soap and squeezed it and been just as good to me as you ever saw, but before it was open I was almost homesick. They say it was so much fun to squeeze it as it ran out by

spoonfulls. It does not hurt me anymore, I am still poltessing to get the core out.

This is my day for "Officer of the Day" and it is now 11 o'clock in the Eve and I will soon have to make the "Grand Rounds" and then go to bed. We get paid the 2nd of March so the Paymaster said this week and then I will send you some money, or all that is over after I pay the note in [the] Bank. I want Brother Joseph to hold on and not get the "blues" as I will soon see him. Can he not get something to do in Millersburg for awhile? I have no idea that we leave here until the Roads get better, as they are too muddy to move men, horses, or artillery. I think you can not complain of me now, as I write twice every week.

Say to my good children that you write me first as they be have and what they do & if it good it makes me feel so good and love them so much, but if it is bad, I do not like it a bit. Hamlin ought to come first, although Lizzie is the first girl after since Hamlin is the first boy after me and I am the oldest.

That really tickled me, I had to laugh over it yet in my bed at night, as it seemed so much like there Quarrels.

You must not let Mosey forget me, as I would feel bad if I should come home and he not know me.

How is Henry Heizer getting along? Joseph & B Cohen & V

and all the rest, I was very sorry to learn in a letter of Mr. Dial to Lt Chapman to learn of my old friend Chipman's death. Dit the Methodist make any impression on friend before he died? I do not care if you do not write me anything about the Millersburg News as I generally hear all that is going on; only write me about you, you my dear, the children what they say and do, oncle Joseph and Elizabeth. Let me know every little thing going on in the family, every thing; write often and long loving letters; you have no Idea how refreshing they are, to a Soldier and more especially to such a one as me, whose whole soul is home, home, Sweet home.

If the mail comes in to morrow and brings me no letter from you, I shall be disappointed. While I write on my home made table, under which sleeps my boy, Chapman is snoring in and Bed, the Sentry trotting up and down in front of my tent although late you can yet hear a good many things. 4 of my boys came home from the Hospital among them Jacob Grassley the Gentleman "I have yet of in the" Cumberland Hospital but all one doing well, but one John Ammon is pretty sick.

By the way how is Mrs. Ammon? I wish you would find out, as Mr. Ammon can not get word from her. Ain't you getting tired of getting such long, long letters from me? Write often and long letters, you can not write too often your letters are always a God send. If oncle Joseph has any rather, I

commence corresponding with him, first let him say so. We are now getting daily mail. Good night my love, my dear my all, Remember yours

Ever true husband

Marcus

