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Paw Paw Tunnel, Va.

March 2, 1862

My dear dear Wife and beloved children!

I never in my life felt better or half as well as I do now. Day before yesterday I received a letter, as well as yesterday and to day.

From you, Oncle Joseph and above all from my own "Son" and that house he painted. Your letter my own dear wife was so cheering and full of life's own and full of the good woman and lovely mother that if you were just now here I could kiss you all and hug you "more than you ever saw."

A messenger just now went by my Quarters with the painful news, <u>that our own gallant</u>, <u>brave</u>, <u>noble and generous</u> <u>General Lander breathed his last</u>, <u>about 30 minutes ago</u>. <u>Such is life</u>; <u>8 days ago</u>, <u>he presented a flag to our Regiment</u> <u>and reviewed 20,000 troops</u>, <u>spoke to all of them and as he came</u> <u>charging along our lines upon his noble steed</u>, <u>erect</u>, <u>powerful</u> <u>and manly</u>, <u>respected and loved by all</u>, <u>one would have thought</u>, <u>0</u> <u>but for a glorious career of glory as the General may expect</u> <u>and all would be well</u>, <u>and to day he is no more</u>, <u>being</u> <u>afflicted with pelurisy and a congestion of the brains</u>.

This accounts for the following circumstances. When I wrote to Oncle Joseph I said to him that if we dit not get Orders to move that night and so forth, I expected we would get paid. We dit get orders that night to cook 3 days rations and get ready to start at one hours notice.

The boys cooked and packed, the wagons were loaded and everything was full of life (though I must say I went to bed and slept soundly till morning). Morning came and we found out the Cavelery, Artillery and 7 Regiments of Infantry had left; our Brigade and several others were ready to move and awaiting orders. The day passed without any orders and last night we went to bed with all our clothes on, expecting to move; that is expecting to hear the "long Roll" beating which calls every Soldier to his feet ready and equipped to march, fight or anything in his line.

Yet, we have not been called to march as yet, but instead of this we received Orders to unpack and those started are ordered back.

Who the successor of General Lander will be I know not, but it maybe General Rosencranz.

As I was telling you, I felt good and do so yet, for my motto is there is plenty of good men to take the places of those going out, only I am really very very sorry.

The reason why I have not written to you ere this is simply this order to move. I expected after a march of 20 or 30 miles new sceneries and everything else as well as the description of an expected but not occurring Battle would be acceptable to you and of a great deal of Interest in your monotony of Millersburg life, for since I last wrote to about our march, our Flag presentation and so forth, there has been nothing but Rumors and Reports and the daily duty of Parade, drill, Inspection, loading and firing, drawing rations and fuel.

I have been out twiced with my men on pretty days climbing the sides of these awful hills through the pine bushes and over the Rocks, practicing as skirmishers and I am satisfied if you would stand on the top of the mountain 5 times as high as the Berlin Hill and see me and my boys come up, not along the road but on the rough side and hear me give the commands, Rally by fours, Rally by platoons, Rally on the Reserve, or deploy into line as skirmishers, fire and load at will and so forth and so forth, as I said before see me come up there without puffing or blowing as I used to, it would make you feel good, or if you would see my boys gather around me when we get marching orders and hear them give me pledges of their faith and fidelity, then and then only you would feel all right.

I have now lost 13 of my men in the General Hospital at Cumberland, Maryland, 60 miles from here; there is none however dangerously ill and all of them are getting along pretty well.

The men I have in the Cleveland and Wheeling Hospitals

have come home (that is) to the Regiment. Jacob Grassley is as clever and officious as ever.

I have really nothing of any note of news to say to you, our lovely



150 Jan. Par. Ja March + 162 My dear and much belowed Wife , my smeet abilitien. On but I had gay living the Bet came yesterday and such greece & gansflict , Depper min and gueslerduch I never eat before The Bitters is put the thing as will home , Everything was to the best of dater and felt just right . We have had arofull rains here within The last fear days but to day it was now and cold. agood . I believe I wroke to you, that I sold my

my watch and chain to five the chain you may Keep untill farther Deras We many more and down the R. R to Machines I wind go we would, as it fails to gloomy have since the death of Larner. By the coay Sen Laurer was manies to a Celebrated Thagedierne & third migs Davenport, the lines in that inglas, comto ale play If mice Jestuday we went through the formand Commis and the Carfor of Send Lander furt imagin Jorno troops of all third dram the above is the Order, he was in a command that as they could not get a Coffind

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famile a some dey I and well it is eard to sight that the Paymarked will pay us to monor I hope so as it could be quite a relief to a great many of my bys and to me y soe are all muchered arealy to hay. Il mean doered the Kill Towards Haltmore cont. be quile a last as the bays have beened all the fails and word for miles and it is getting have to get, besides me would see something new and then I caner give you a detailed histor of it again

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and good children my ficer Ar Elright & Oan together every day he took Chipper with us last night & find to day; her & Console anselves loyethe Do monow will be a day for Hamination of men to be discharged from the service for dirability, I have 5 applicants but now of Them that I entister . I must clow as it es getting very late, these men hintering me they sit like mis le my love to your all May we sorre meet ene acher well thearty is the only wish of your low time husband factor March Macer 1

Paw Paw, Va. March 4/62

My dear and much beloved wife, my sweet children!

Oh but I had gay living; the box came yesterday and such greeve [griebe? = cracklings] and gansfleisch [goose meat], peppernuts [pfeffernüsse cookies] and zukerkuche [sugar cookies] I never eat before. The Bitters is just the thing as will make a man feel at home. Everything was in the best of Order and felt just right. We have had awful rains here within the last few days but to day it was nice and cold again. I believe I wrote to you, that I sold my watch and chain for \$100. The chain you may keep until farther orders.

We may move on down the Railroad to Martinsburg. I wish we would, as it feels too gloomy here since the death of Lander. By the way General Lander was married to a celebrated Tragedienne, I think Miss Davenport. She lives in Washington; wont she play off nice? Yesterday we went through the funeral ceremonies over the corpse of General Lander. Just imagine 20,000 troops of all kinds drawn in line:

# Cavelery

### Infantry

the procession

# Infantry

#### Artillery

The above is the order. He was in a common box as they could not get a Coffin.

The procession consisted of 2 Bands of Music (the Millersburg Band as one), then came the master of ceremonies, the coffin carried by eight Colonels (Voris one of them), then his staff, his body Guard and 2 Regiments of Infantry with "arms reversed". It looked truly grand and had it not been that we had to stand for 4 hours in the cold and waited for it I think I could have given you a very graphic description of the performance. I forgot the coffin was wrapped in the American flag. I hope they will not have any General die soon and if they do I would like for them to die and be buried on a warm day.

I am well. It is said to night that the Paymaster will pay us to morrow. I hope so as it would be quite a relief to a great many of my boys and to me; we are all mustered and ready for pay.

A move down the Railroad towards Baltimore would be quite a treat as the boys have burned all the Rails and wood for miles and it is getting hard to get; besides we would see something new and then I could give you a detailed history of it again.

I am well and hearty as a buck bear, eating all day of

the good things from home, and if I could only now see you and the children and Joseph for one hour I would feel O.K.

There was a boy here yesterday from Akron by the name of Abbey with whom I sent a letter for you and one for Oncle Jose containing \$10 a piece I wish you and Oncle Josey would write to me immediately wether you got them. Keep a writing often and long cheerfull letters for it makes me feel so you can not imagine and by wool season if no preventing providence I will be at home to stay quite awhile if we can only get rid of the Scoundrel Col. Of ours.

Hamlin must continue to be a good boy & may be I get some nice Sesesh trophie for him besides his Pistol and Lizzie will get the prettiest thing she ever saw just because she is such a nice girl. Are the children anxious to hear my letters read? Do they listen to them? Do you read to them what I write to them? All these questions I would like to have you answer.

I have been interrupted; had a visit of 3 Captains and 4 Lieutenants. I had a mess with our Colonel to day and they came to ask me whether they can do me any good. I told them let us go in the morning and see whether the Colonel can not be hoisted at once. Oh but he is a Scoundrel, Liar and Imposture. Don't you think that I have been a good boy of late about writing? Just consider me in a place where I have not seen woman or child but once in 7 weeks & think how much good it does a man to hear from the dear Woman and good children.

My friend Dr. Ebright & I are together every day he took Supper with us last night & dinner to day, he and I console ourselves together.

To morrow will be a day for examination of men to be discharged from the service for disability, I have 5 applicants but none of them that I enlisted.

I must close as it is getting very late, these men hindering me as they sit like Mrs. C.

My love to you all. May we soon meet each other well & hearty is the only wish of your

Ever true husband, father & brother

Marcus

Martinsting V° March 9/62 My dear and grow Wije My smet Children Abelored Sorthe This is Sunday Morning, Just after foll Call, and the and has made its appearance and The Eastern Mills in all its magnificer and glory of a spring mom and as I was part walking for 15 minutes in a Garden attached to the big Show Honse & occupy, it feemed to me as though I must at once go in and write to you my loved once send a long and probably iminter. resting letter to all of your. The have now been two days in this asscient and hollowed town of Martunbury in the Old Dominion the home of Handlines the lake Miniske to Manue under Muchanan and the Home of the once Member of Congress

Mastin of Martinburge. When we came here night reigned one the sleepy Inhabitants who the day Inbrequent from all appearances felt quite alarmed as your could Scancely See any one and the whole day, Except in the afternoord when the momento Mando were playing for Drep Parade of the dif fresh. a Window was accapionnally opens and in left than and how the Window Shuddees of a great many desected looking Houses werd opened and female Hears deliberately Exhibited over the window Sille. Justerilay the 2nd day the Sheets were crowdent with Civillians and Soldiers . The Ladis Auch as Drefaces in Style and Mylish in a deed but fuch as appearantly are for white thep ter times meaner they the ford cormand of Millerobry. The negro corman and variagated in this mode of Ques Some of them last as gay as a funch damaing Woman of the Seril' hammother

I have not made the aquaintance of any body yet neiched do I intend to, Comp. C is purhably the only to of the as shake. ed here where all 3 commissioned officer Stay with their men all the time. Chapman, Childs and myself Sleep on the Commute stay with the boys all The times eat with them, doing with them and have a decent falle with them and jet & claim these is un Captain in the derive that las more the project, and and proval as well as military formed over his bays there I have this may be open and can therefore Day it is time. low goo of the Refergies have returned to their Monus and foreside Since the advance of the Union timps and Shill they come all though when the desch troops when here it was not sofe for Union families to be here, but drange the stay of the Union terops desch Jamilies and to much purheated as Union, if they only behave themselves and this is tenly just some us it should

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and I wish all my boys from the Haspitel, at comberland Marylan mere here, they would get along better here that in Cumberland. If you and the children + Brother Joseph even her und counter Take quel a hig side over the City county you canto see the , how far ment will go when their faction and pound, to see 64 Locomatrices of the very best and biggest think ( 1 as big as 3 of and at tonal destroyed, willfully, maticiously and felomeonty, the mount Birdges of Jan ( troop destroyed, a magnificent Report Hours as mike as I ever sam in the U.S. Imarked & derhoge, I am latisfied you wond ful Seception is anfull and must be Inhalmed. We are here & miles front Homker Hill, 15 miles from Charleston and 24 from Marpen ferry the Theater of Lohn Brown fanaticism, 22 miles from Winchester where the Michell's baast of being shornyly fortefied and ready to recion ", how long ind stay herd & Homme and but and thinking not lang. Our Bagagge tents se is not here yet Efficient to day

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By dear Caroline The Enclosed letter O in whe to you and wronthe like of Porther group wonto let Estill read it and if he would problish it in the I ame I wond little it very much. I am spectrighy inell 1 an wally ful in more the of the moviel as I am of going to yer the Manhonn I De thight (not now come in pass the store) give my trad to my Orn Hamlin who I hope is asgrad bay gets learne fast to smy sweet daughter Logic and all ming friend & MANT Sharing dept much for I might sharing wirle considerable oful to tried to write much more hip Money Munchster & worke while to you one the lorning While to Maiser Masher Maiser

March 9/62

My dear and good wife

My sweet children and beloved brother!

This is Sunday Morning just after Roll Call, and the sun has made its appearance over the eastern Hills in all its magnificance and glory of a Spring morn and as I was just walking for 15 minutes in a Garden attached to the big Store House I occupy, it seemed to me as though I must at once go in and write to you my loved ones, even though only yesterday I sent a long and probably uninteresting letter to all of you.

We have not been two days in this ancient and hallowed town of Martinsburg in the Old Dominion, the home of Faulkner, the late Minister to France under Buchanan, and the Home of the once Member of Congress, Martin of Martinsburgh.

When we came here, night reigned over the sleepy Inhabitants who the day subsequent from all appearances felt quite alarmed as you could scarcely see any one out the whole day, except in the afternoon when the numerous Bands were playing for Dress Parade of the different Regiments, a window was occasionally opened and in less than an hour the Window Shudders of a great many deserted looking Houses were opened and female Heads deliberately exhibited over the window sills. Yesterday the 2nd day the streets were crowded with Civilians and Soldiers. The Ladies such as Dresses in Style are stylish indeed but such as apparently are poor whites dress ten times meaner than the poor women of Millersburg.

The negro women are variagated in their mode of dress; some of them look as gay as a french dancing woman while others look a genuine personification of the Devils Grandmother. I have not made the acquaintance of anybody yet, neither do I intend to. Company C is probably the only Company of the 65 stationed here where all 3 commissioned officers stay with their men all the time.

Chapman, Childs and myself sleep on the countre, stay with the boys all the time, eat with them, sing with them and have a decent joke with them, and yet I claim there is no Captain in the Service that has more the respect and moral as well as military power over his boys than I have. This may seem like bragging but to you I may be open and can therefore say it is true. Over 900 of the Refugees have returned to their homes and fireside since the advance of the Union troops and still they come. Although when the Sesesh troops were here it was not safe for Union families to be here, but during the stay of the Union troops Sesesh families are as much protected as Union, if they only behave themselves, and this is truly just as it should be.

I believe never have I written to you that one of our Regimental Doctors is Westfall, a Brother to the Westfalls of Mount Union School notoriety, whom I have known in former years. He is very kind to me and my boys from old acquaintance sake. He was here yesterday and urged me very strong to come and share quarters with him, as he is with one of the finest families in town. I refused however and told him that I have not had my Uniform on for 4 weeks except on Parade and would not until I could show it to my wife and family. Except on Parade and Special duty, I wear Blouse and Pants like the boys.

Our Colonel I am fighting and if it were not for our confounded moving and the certain death of General Landers I should have succeeded ere this, but the day "of retribution am a coming" and he will have to walk the pole.

I think these 2 days under Roof has done the boys a great deal of good; they feel bully and I wish all my boys from the Hospital at Cumberland, Maryland, were here; they would get along better here than in Cumberland. If you and the children and Brother Joseph were here we would take such a big ride over the City and country and you could see then, how far men will go when their passions are roused. To see 64 Locomotives of the very best and biggest kind (1 as big as 3 of ours at home) destroyed, will- fully, maliciously and feloniously, the nicest Bridges of iron and wood destroyed, a magnificant Depot House as nice as I ever saw in the United States smashed and destroyed, I am satisfied you would feel Secession is awful and must be subdued. We are here 8 miles from Bunker Hill, 15 miles from Charlestown and 24 from Harpers Ferry, the Theater of John Browns fanaticism, 22 miles from Winchester where the Rebels boast of being strongly fortified and ready to receive us. How long we stay here I know not but am thinking not long. Our Baggage, tents and so forth is not here yet; expected to day.

Just now the news is spread through town that Winchester was taken this morning at 5 o'clock by General Banks and his forces. Thus falls one after the other of the boasted stronghold of Seseshdom; they can not withstand the fire, earnestness and enthusiasm of those who gather around the good old flag. I begin to think it will soon be played out. As far as I am concerned I feel stout and hearty and I believe if nothing farther will happen to me, this "my service" will add 10 years to my life. You must give my love to my good children and tell them the time of seeing and kissing their pa is drawing nearer daily and in a few days I will write to all of you again & most likely not having anything new to say will direct myself to you all personally. If we stay here two days the Paymaster will be here. Your ever true & loving husband, father & brother

## Marcus

The enclosed letter is one branch of my business, read it and then seal it.

Since I have finished the other side I went to work and cooked supper for me and Lieutenant Chapman, now mark, I had 6 Eggs. In the first place I boiled water in frying Pan, then put in the Eggs (open), let them boil, put in Salt and Pepper and plenty of butter; Chapman bought a warm lofe of bread and you may laugh but by George we had "poached Eggs" aint that [the] way you cook them? But they were not cooked left handed. I forgot to say that on the march I lived on Gansfleish, tongue, Peppernuts and Zucker Kuche, of which I had my havresack full when we started but empty when I got here.

Your,

#### Marcus

My Dear Caroline!

The enclosed letter I wrote to you and would like if Brother Joseph would let Estill read it and if he would publish it in the Farmer I would like it very much. I am exceedingly well and really feel no more tired of the march as I am of going to & fro the Warehouse (Dr. Ebright just now came in pass the store).

Give my love to my son Hamlin who I hope is a good boy yet &

learns fast to my sweet daughter Lizzie and all my friends. Not having slept much for 2 nights & having wrote considerable I feel to tired to write much more.

Kiss Mosey & write quick to your ever true & loving Husband

Marcus

Write to Martinsburg (may write to morrow)



March 13/02 good children and Dear Burthe and will be by the above that we were not granted to enjoy the So very congenial this to so many Janey Officions of the Very pully to advance and the weig throughout of tais dections, their Manapeo hung I will give you a history hing and Monnes & Caul of selle In my tent on the floor crocked with 2 Blankels, a Barnet Strell est the floor I my Paper an a company Woll, my spectacition, my head bend once will make it do that it may not be so very inter reating you must in dame me and by the way I do not yet there have to get this to and I days before I was ender anest for which I was at times mad enough to fight, but your unit not Think I doin any chang Very has, as done any corry but a vind to fit is your nimes

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Machal and to & had to comprise . muself to my Quarters, not blering - Elminand of any le mpany in public I dit not leave my braden at all all vent on well det not can still hoping to get a Chunce for a Comp Martial as we have 20 Commissioned Officers who would Mare Rivon they dot not believe The cul under auch, but the Carp never reported me to even the Cal and the Angade . Col Minhal of In. Oulday after & worke to your from one big store and the same them, the the Were aread to leave the Show the I story with a nice thed soon in it for the and a the hearing de I uc. your very bery sweet aller my dear Wije with a little note for buck Joseph in it after I had gone to bed which was written an the 26 feb and mailed the Mi of march in My and such a since k letter it inade me fut as well as I det the morning I bid you good hege at home the after the alwater Sall when I Marted. with Henry breedban to Chicago you throw yet? When you Showed tears the first line " How happy I felt but this I think rath beatt it, as I love you more the oller I get , every day of my top

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Near Winchester Va.

March 13/62

My lovely and good Wife,

good Children and dear Brother

You will see by the above that we were not granted to enjoy the so very congenial Air to so many fancy officers of the very pretty town of Martinsburg, but had to advance on the very stronghold of this Section, their Manassas, and as we chased them off in a hurry, I will give you a history of our departure of Martinsburg, our advance and so forth, and if sitting in my tent on the floor, covered with 2 Blankets, a Bayonet stuck in the floor, my Paper on a Company book, my spectacles on, my head bent over, will make it so that it may not be so very interesting, you must not blame me and by the way I do not yet know how to get this to any post office. While in Winchester and 3 days before I was under arrest for which I was at times mad enough to fight, but you must not think I done anything very bad, or done any wrong but in order to fix easy your mind I will give you the facts. In Paw Paw the officer of the Guard arrested one of my men for leaving his Post to satisfy the calls of nature, which he should not have done. While in the Guardhouse, a nasty stinking place, I complained and wanted my man out. Although the Guard Tent is most always full, never before was any of

my men in Guard and the Colonel not being a friend of mine wanted to show some of his venomous spirit and told me to prefer charges against my man and he would send him to the Brigade Guard House to have him tried. I told him I had no charges to make; the man that arrested him should make or have made the charges on the Regimental Guardbook and as he had not done it he, the Colonel, had no right to hold my man and I demanded his immediate release. He said there was a Regimental Order compelling me to prefer charges. I told him it dit not make any difference to me about his Regimental Orders when they conflicted with the United States Army Regulations and good sense. He then had me arrested and demanded my sword which I refused and I told him, he was in the habit of arresting officers (5 Captains were under arrest in one week) but since he arrested me, I demanded a Court Martial and so I had to confine myself to my Quarters, not having command of my Company in public. I dit not leave my Quarters at all. All went on well; I dit not care, still hoping to get a chance for a Court Martial as we have 26 Commissioned Officers who would have sworn they dit not believe the Colonel under oath, but the Cuss[?] never reported me to even the Colonel Commanding the Brigade, Colonel Kimbal of Indiana. One day after I wrote to you from our big store and the same Evening that we were ordered to

leave the Store and take possession of a big Brick house, 2 story, with a nice Bedroom in it for me and a Bed, Bureau and so forth, I received your very very sweet letter, my dear wife, with a little note from Oncle Joseph in it, after I had gone to bed, which was written on the 26th February and mailed the 4th of March in Millersburg and such a sweet letter. It made me feel as well as I dit the morning I bid you good bye at home after the Atwater Ball when I started with Henry Greenebaum to Chicago, you know yet? When you showed tears the first time? How happy I felt, but this I think rather beats it as I love you more the older I get every day of my life, and every time I get a letter the boys say, look at Captain, see how pleast Captain is; if you want to go anywheres better ask Captain now, he just got a letter from home and so forth, and he will let you go now and it always makes me give the Com- mand better.

Now to business; the Eve when we were fixed in our new house, the Adjutant came and said (then 10 o'clock P.M.) you must draw 3 days rations, cook them and fill your havresacks and be ready to march at 7 o'clock to morrow Morning. We fixed and at 7 A.M. we left the town on the Winchester Pike. The day was delightful and as the Bands of the different Regiments played their patriotic tones, the Colors flying, one felt as though it was a comfort to be a soldier fighting for our glorious union to be possessed yet by our posterity, and as we marched along through the prettiest country a man can see anywheres and see the magnificent palasts [palaces] surrounded by beautiful plantations and negro shanties, all of which at once satisfied and shows to the thinking man, oh what fools were you to bring on a destructive War while everything was surrounding you, that could be wished for; in times of peace you certainly had plenty. AMERICAN JEWISH

We marched to Bunker Hill 9 miles from Martinsburg, stopped at Bunker Hill for further Orders. We fixed Beds and cooked but no rest for the Soldier when a victory is to be achieved. At 9 o'clock the Couriers came dashing with the news that Stone Wall Jackson as the Rebels calls their General was drawing in Line-o-Battle before Winchester. We had orders to fall in immediately and the boys felt gay but I dit not feel as well satisfied as I was still under arrest. We marched on for 12 miles when [we] were halted within one mile of the enemies entrenchments and it was a sight never to be forgotten as Regiment after Regiment came and [was] assigned its position; Battery after battery swept passed us and being aligned, the Cavelery posted right and left of the division; the Country perfectly level, the only elevation

is an easy sloping Hill all around Winchester on which the Enemy had their Batteries, which was reported to be 64 Cannons supported by about 20,000 men and as we received the orders to lay down on our arms and at the least alarm be ready, we felt good and really I think every man was anxiously awaiting the time to hear the sound of the Cannons' monotonous music and as I laid down aside of Chapman in less than 5 minutes I was asleep and dreamed all night about you my love and the children. I dreamed I was sitting in our big black rocking chair and you on that little willow chair, Oncle Josey laying down leaning his elbow on that square carpet covered stool and the children all around us and I was telling you all how I was the 2nd on the Ram- parts planting the Colors and how old General Shields complimented me and you said when Jo brought the paper home where you read it how I was praised by everybody you danced for joy and then I said, come on woman, let us dance now and we danced and the children all laughed and just as I was going to jump and cut up, we were called fall in. It was not yet day light. I woke, dit jump up and told Chapman all will be right this day. Our Gallant General Shields, the noble Hero of Mexico, was riding along our lines, and encouraged us; he is a noble looking General and I like him better than Lander. Colonel Kimball, our acting Brigadier general,

then rode by and I stopped him and told him I was under arrest and he said, I heard of you yester- day. Are you not yet released? I said, no Sir. Says he, Where is that d--n Colonel of yours? On the head of the Column, I said. He galloped off and in less than 2 minutes and I had the comfort of seeing that Cuss [?] of ours come up to me and saying, Captain Spiegel please take command of your Company, and such 3 cheers as my boys gave when they heard me at the head of the Company Call, "Attention Company C", would have done your soul as much good as it was mortifying to Colonel Buerstenbinder to Knucle to me and ask me. He sent me word 3 times the day before, if I would ask him he would release me but I would not do it and at the end I beat him. (Lieutenant Colonel Voris has this afternoon laid the case before General Shields).

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12 Bread nor Craellers las Edays I must no close my long Epide through I could write to you all the time it is really the any real Jalipaction a Salarie has forget getting letters from home and as ear are no off the loll it may be some time are one get the Mai again and thill we do not get mar all the letters form home, suc have not has a letter from home Since the g the and no paper for 2 weeks - Wit the tarmer have a letter from me published lately ? The Republican from Heggins & Chapman ! I'll wooded little to see a Mahme Co Paper again. You must tell my dear boy Mamlin and my sweet Sizzie and my dear hurry that if no purales providence & will be at home in 400 6 Wells our a fundagh Jam Juni Col thimhall will quant it to me. Wilbuight was to see me and how ago, he send his love time my love to Cohn Marrily my thunks to Mis Cuba for the good tongues which mere first the thing an a have march , the tollers is Excellens I talle a how every mono amit maker in feel gave & tell your

A we only they leve long curry h to get and pay & with he as well pleased as any one, I think the position of Capt is hour able in the aring 14 Capt gets as much pay is \$145 % for more and time Joseph is not Coming here I hould port take the bucater Machership I think if decine home dean Jurun and prode fory to go to-chir your maing this Emicen an get some meximon ano him and I will buy but the Mare house any tim et an malle money like Every thing and lin happy, I never want to let whele grouph go any first me sam think and thank to Hay legether porgant as long as ale que aline and in traformed mater bath get a niel to dat the new not do haprind any more He want not get and of know by and do something too a little while maybe Cleath for Cherry holmer as mait united get my - pay and I will send him some money to, hamile " with Ball What is be to doing ? give him and family my necess tell him to write once

14 I thought when I had finished the when thet I way done but yes a, it was not 120 clast yet I might as well continue to wind autilin ten Shields is an ald - Roman like booking man, with . a heavy gray, mustache and fill Whillers, It man in a Rugt adjaining in tool the Hydiophobiae from a shad day tile to got 12 mor ago and they had to chain him. Ste have a por chance of getting washing you may think this a Hauge Concohon but I do want to give you thing's that maybe of interest think of there. Col Nois and I are as good finds as are in the Bug & he is all right and un mintalle, he wante give meth last bile to cat a anything ela & might all him for. yand bege my dear Wife, good wight my dinat chiling, god stacht bride Joseph, to Elizabeth good night and I hope the las the no comick convince the worth malle a good me Coumichen My love to you all , Sud blefs yon . ha your marcas

March 14, 1862

Since I wrote the above last Eve at 10 o'clock as I felt tired, several matters of Interest have occurred which I will before I close enumerate and now I will commence my narrative.

At the head of my Company, on the nicest day [March 12] I ever saw, the Sun as warm and refreshing as a Warm May noon in Ohio, I marched by the beat of the drums and to the sweet music of the fifes, the noble old flag (which is however brand new and was presented to us by the ladies of Toledo) fluttering gallantly in the Centre of my Company, and after such a sweet dream, going as we supposed to battle, I felt gay and like a Soldier. I knew success would be mine and I would come out of it with credit to myself and all those interested in my welfare. We marched and as we came fairly in view of the Entrenchments, the news came, the Enemy had fled that night in fear of the overwhelming force coming. Disappointment, real, and sorrow were pictured on the eyes of all the Boys as they got the news and they felt loath to believe the report but it was not long until the news was confirmed by our Outposts of Cavelery who rode on without molestation inside the fortifycations and to town, hoisting the Union

flag on the Court house and sent a Courier back to inform the General.

Such being the fact we expected to get to town and follow up the Rebels to Strasburg, but disappointment was our doom for that day, as we were ordered by the right flank in a big Hill and led to a very pretty spot high and dry to stack Arms and make fires. We slept there the first night on some old wheat stopples [stubbles] that Wygam, Jae Grassley pulled for me and slept good to the next morning. Some of our Tents came but instead of having a Tent for myself, only one officers Tent came and I have to have both of my Lieutenants in with me and I now sit as I dit last night writing and if my letter is not very intelligible you must excuse my aqued [awkward] position. Winchester, everybody says is a very pretty City; I have not seen it yet and do not know as I shall soon, having no desire to ask our Colonel for a pass and not caring much anyhow as I really enjoy myself among the boys [in] this nice weather, drilling and [doing] exercises in the manual and practice of arms very well and, being very busy through the days, I will write Evenings to my love ones at home. This is a splendit country; from the elevation of our Camp we can see 28 different Camps of Union troops and they say there are plenty of them in and all around

Winchester. General Banks, General Rosencranz and our own gallant General Shields are in Winchester and I expect soon to hear that we have met with McClellan. Onward to Richmond I think is our destination, and I would like it indeed, though I have given up all hope of us getting in a fight as we have always missed it.

This morning Colonel Kimball, the Commander of our Brigade, sent me his Compliments, saying he took quite a liking to me; he would be pleased to see me. Having been on duty as officer of the day of which I will not be reliefed until 9 o'clock to morrow A.M. I have not called but shall do so to morrow in full Uniform and put on my winning smile.

At 10 o'clock this A.M. rumor came that our outposts were fighting 3 miles from here on the Strasburg Road and it was not long until after we heard the firing and all was alive, expecting to be called out, but about one hour the fight lasted and the Rebels retreated, leaving 17 prisoners and 2 dead in the hands of our boys, none on our side hurt. At our afternoon Parade our Colonel and Lieutenant Colonel Voris had a regular Row, which terminated in our Colonel showing that he was neither a Gentleman and Soldier which facts are reported to-night; charges being preferred every night against our Colonel until finally the War department will have to send him to h--1 which they would have done ere this if they had not been so very busy. And now as far as myself is concerned I am bully. I never in my life felt better no Phythisic, no coughing no complaining, no pains, only my toe and that I do not feel much since I got my new boots which are room and large and in good humor. To day I had a piece of liver as we just butchered 2 ocxsen and had a good dinner and supper only to have had no bread nor crackers for 2 days but will get to-night.

I must now close my long episode though I could write to you all the time, it is really the only real satisfaction a Soldier has, except getting letters from home as we are now off the R.R. it may be some time ere we get the mail again and I think we do not get near all the letters from home, we have not had a letter from home since the 9<sup>th</sup> and no paper for 2 weeks (Dit the Farmer have a letter from me published lately? The Republican from Wiggins & Chapman? We would like to see a Holmes C. Paper again.

You must tell my dear boy Hamlin and my sweet Lizzie and my dear Mosey that if no preventing providence I will be at home in 4 or 6 weeks on a furlough. I am sure Col. Kimball will greant it to me. Dr. Ebright was to see me an hour ago, he sends his love. Give my love to Cohn and family; my thanks to Mrs. Cohn for the good tongues which were just the thing on a hard march. The Bitters is excellent. I take a horn [drink] every morn and it makes one feel good I tell you. If we only stay here long enough to get our pay, I will be as well pleased as anyone. I think the position of Captain is honor- able in the Army; a Captain gets as much respect paid as a Colonel and the pay is \$145.50 per month and since Joseph is not coming here I would not take the Quarter Master- ship. I think if I come home I can persuade Oncle Josey to go to New York, marry Miss Emden and get some mesumen [money] and him and I will buy out the Warehouse and run it and make money like everything and live happy. I never want to let Oncle Joseph go away from me again; him and I want to stay together for good as long as we are alive and in business until both get as rich so that we need not do business any more.

He must not get out of humor, try and do something for a little while, maybe clerk for Cherry Holmes or wait until I get my pay and I will send him some money to "handle" mit [to do business with].

What is Jo Jo doing? Give him and family my Respects tell him to write once.

I thought when I had finished the other sheet I was done but yet as it was not 12 o'clock yet I might as well continue toe write awhile. Genl. Shields is an old Roman like looking man, with a heavy gray mustache and side whiskers. A man is a Regt. adjoining us took the Hydrophobiac from a mad dog bite he got 12 mos ago and they had to chain him. We have a poor chance of getting washing done, consequently wash ourselves. You may think this is a strange conection but I do want to give you things that may be of interest to you and I write them as I think of them. Col. Voris and I are as good friends as are in the Regt., he is all right and mistake, he would give me the last bite to eat or anything else I might ask him for.

Good bye my dear Wife, good night my sweet children, good nacht bruder Joseph; to Elizabeth good night and I hope she has the McCormick convinced she would make a good Mrs. McCormichen.

My love to you all, God bless you.

Ever yours

Marcus

Allersburg March 15/62 My dear and much befored thise Un hand ago the your very also prove time freeg and a new pleasant letter from no Herger all of which I read ever since and I now feel happy and gry. withing much to mink as I have witten a letter of 14 Payer for et thing I ender think off get the but sugeant part toto me that the hest to say to you how happe does me to receive do much mad On thing is cutain & write cherry mand that gave and and neng' you had not ought to complete of me as a and no mont alarmed " to thritt a mail wrall ga out without a letter from me as you Could be pleased to get them, yet To ber mail and yoments and inighten - son yor may not get all of my atter

abthing has transpill torice last night worthy of mitice this is 11 a. m I and off duty and it rains like long thing though it took clear and pleasant in the Ucot. Mig hogo are carring in form Cambe land and after another well, though they say the Qualment in the might be from the past their were at and time 1820 biell In the dif Morpitais in Comberland The healt of the Reg & is improving time is more plescant and congeniel. to Once fory I say shay and try to do Something untill I com honn. you my dear wife may ust Lary I will be how in the perper time, bas knows I am ampions las tie yan all, get I am happy, well All falisfier as a man can ta In this more of life and stand it well your adams one of my bags Henry Rigle is still with lows + as gley as a boy can be when we all march he tites a Horse as Cal louis has two. Fine my love to H. Herry whell hind I little him as well as ones. Good bar; Jad blep your I will write enances again as I may go to Winchesta Jon how & looning Alaccors

Millersburg, March 15, 1862

My dear and much beloved Wife

My sweet good wife, my dear children

An hour ago I rec'd. your very good letters of the 4 & 6<sup>th</sup> inst. and also from Oncle Josey and a very pleasant letter from Mr. Herzer. All of which I read ever since and I now feel happy and gay.

I have only a little paper and nothing much to write as I have written a letter of 14 pages for the last 2 nights and wrote every thing I could think off yet the Post Sergeant just told me that the mail was going out and I thought best to say to you how happy I felt and how much good it does me to receive so much mail.

One thing is certain I write every mail that goes out and very often long long letters to you and you had not ought to complain of me as I am as much alarmed to think a mail would go out without a letter from me as you could be pleased to get them, yet our mail arrangements are irregular and you may not get all of my letters.

Nothing has transpired since last night worthy of notice this is 11 a.m. I am off duty and it rains like everything though it looks clear and pleasant in the West. My boys are coming in from Cumberland one after another well, though they say the Treatment in the Hospital is not as good as it might be from the fact there were at one time 1820 sick in the different Hospitals in Cumberland. The health of the Regt. is improving since we left Western Va., the climate here is more pleasant and congenial.

To Oncle Josey I say stay and try to do something untill I come home. You my dear wife may rest easy I will be home in the proper time, God knows I am anxious to see you all, yet I am happy, well & as satisfied as a man can be in this mode of life and stand it well. Young Adams one of my boys cooks for me, Chapman & Childs. Henry Biegle is still with Voris & as gay as a boy can be, when we all march he rides a Horse as Col. Voris has two. Give my love to H. Herzer & tell him I like him as well as ever. Good bye. God bless you. I will write more again as I may go to Winchester.

Your true & loving Marcus

clear chineseele la Maral 29/ My dear dias there fairing happy to say to you that I use your hand Note through Mi Robbs and learned theory him , that your are all meth thatty. lob Buceatenhinder a ender auca for the last H days and I am Satisfied he never will command this "fight again i charges preferred against him ( which will be proofen and ful. - fiscent to close and any man find commanding this Bega for ence after I to bring about this Plate of affair i. a getting him inder assent I trid by best & drage all I could how rably and and happy to say success conned and I will be reliefed from the weight of Canying along an incompetent officer. We returned last might finner a I day march to Aponaberg which was believed and reported to be, a thought Jucceptfull in disoning themant and

clased there I writes south temands Woodstoell and as I trall forme takes an the field you will permit me to give for them part as they enthusiastic yes wurt para then and matter allamance that they were talled by a Captand proder and eterated by the mobile official of the Trys under his command and at the moment of the Excilement of the Wattlespy - This is Finday mon Monday the ine per. Marching themes that is to cool I days when is he reary to march without Blankes in I tom. Company the Ways Commenced Grading I laged dome as my hay ends preparing me rations and my Istankets were Holled and how fled, my swort I want and my findad be ded repare had not bled fairly dame, but time I turned unon in africat my Eyer it was fast daybuck

I fromful up former had bearden. ed Uniting I had one whet Inged and the trys parkably morned, tooling and and for a moment Hayd Standing asleep, being homena The new day Alagid up and the These arove , Goll was called and it was then bound to be leady to march by 10 a clack hund for Stroughdy ofter Show Ciall hin a time Voltier Spirit was thom Well along the lines of the deferent Elimps as far as the Eye contonach The Cureky was holling timble the antillery too moring Anfants of and Camp and locyterly hered to be alive for the tail before them We all filt i that if we can calch Juckland we can whip hind and his forces. It last the time came " When and gallant Bryp mere leel and Commanded by and noble & hightfinder

St. Cal. Varis Acres he far dit the by the marke to good an appearance to and that day, the thougs all felt that they had Somehody who had a dond Assippiount quantity of thrame to had them, eac. were dearow up in time and as and Migade Commander Cal Kimber of And, a Gentleman and a Valdier and by the way a man fiend of mine passed in, he chappliquented as highly and the felt prond. the 10 precisely are Harted passed an through Manchester a City which has a regular ite Horno. Which by fall of Valdien of Banks devision, which will as though they came protont of a then Boy , not having to share any of the hardships, that in had to go through with, but arece comfortably quartered all winter.

Dince I have written the fait, Sheet, I recieved your very third, and lovely letter from the 10th and that of my by down as well as that of my dear Touthed and one from Canind los Joseph and from final Colm all of which I read aver Except the first which I wal 3 times with reaconed pleasure and comfact bouch should the letters firm home he and infact - Anch have they been all the times Sweet encouraging and allowage pleasant to me alldough they Land at tumes shows a lille of the prevailing three yet day are neverthelip pleasing and the unly time represtiments & disce while array from home and contented and willing to do my duty, make & sich no aquantan any pay visito to my findo and and not and ion to have eremis, gaid the Respect of

of my superior Officer as fast as get aquainter with them Except Cal 13 of our leg, whe is a Northe and whom the millar I have laid out , he endoubtedly thinks by this line it would have blen better for hind, to let me alone. Only Secterday Dr Ebught Whose Negt now belongs to our thigade has told me that, on letning Brigadici Gen? Kimhall thinks there is mo Officer in the Dugade lite me, he thanks I am finch wight and an a March, though the has a Regter under him, he Comes overy hour ou to Vight, aboug side of may this may felow title flatting and self paise bat I known you little to hear it I am the will grant me a fontough to go home throught Mis of May then I want to have a long long tall. I will write to night to Severall Wool Mouses to get a Commission

A will now continue may march as we passed through the City of Minchester we leave the leaver, there but the funale Citizens and that is about all there is left as the male Cilizens in this Country have all here frand a polanteced into the helel durice dit not flen to which but advance much to ma doubtedly the feared we might Prothers as glances Very thind Thousa we must them ted the way We halted the first time about H miles South of Windleder near 2 of the finest looking Wills I have seen get in the County it tooked to all the Wordd like Millhein hear abenheim, weigthing around the mills Ithe Milendit houses dose by bespoke wealth of liger hat not of 6 mo. growth, Whe Chicago

Un the strangest of ally the proprieters cace the strongest Mirion falls , who had gled that returned and there for the first time acomo Minchester dit the Ladies wave while Hoch .. lifter resting and refiering an felows we started an a meny March, the day was all that cuiled be wished fast tham Spleasant, and those Virginia Withes are like and Encopean Chansee as each and ugular as a floor. We then passed through the town of Reautown of the same thape like most of these towns, and the Pike as long as the moral fam inly and theet strang the Pille the regular of fashean Porttown 2003 Shage Offices of Hatels about i mile South of the town of the pacing the micest County in america We came to a plantation defict se

took me by Imprice for its beauty and the Valace it has in it's Bede. Stinell mo la with adimination. that I had to shop an matter a primite tim from that time Con Mu Sonderoid leantifull Pales located in the Calley of the Cheira hours and the spapehanicall in which we thought the shetched a good deal, and daily coming to my mind as we have through here first now we came passed a most gran looking boolding which would I think fill the description whose name forget, the House Finished Mansion of Solid Mones to which Mip Immed Mour mad Middlebary ar Vam Thomany would only be antheritorings in Companyor the front is supported by heavy Counthian Villaco and the Mundons " Ony Wintons of a Lothie Stinetine

The herad alley through an acaded gale leading with the bigandie ble Weeping Willow 2 an each Wide the finthe good which a the Jun looker like augtal Hat Greenhames in front give the beholder an Odea that some Count must have their, as t rather hold his array and the A por Soo Idaallo entre unde in their quarters forme distant firm the Valace which back a geat deal like the Alemakermer Sellops I toli you So frequent a harty Marching along now as we do in a fine office ofternoon any the left of as ine held the beauty fully blue hidge Mumbain, which lave a Victoresque appearance as the show themselves in a Montain Chain as fleir and blue as the Sky in Staly, you behow taken right the alleghances pas far as the lye can reach