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Camp in the woods by the  
Shenandoah River between  
Woodstock & Jackson Va  
April 3/62

My lovely & good Wife, my sweet  
Children & Mother.

As I am sitting here in a huge  
Woods under cover of Raulfusa  
with Pine bushes & look around me  
where I can see the whole of Shields  
Dispositon, with the Exception of the  
Cavalery the Regts at home in  
all manner of houses such as  
can be shaped out of Rubber  
Blankets, Hacks, Brown Sarsaw, I  
felt as though I could not pass  
my time any more profitable than  
by writing to you my loved ones  
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from our old place near  
Strasburg starting April 1<sup>st</sup>

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Woodstock the County Seat  
of Shenandoah Co our advance  
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tinually fighting almost, the  
latter slowly retreating & our  
forces advancing at the same  
Speed. They burned almost  
every Bridge as they passed  
doing like a certain Animal  
drawing its hole in after him  
but we prohibited them &  
rather our Shells from firing  
one job of burning a Bridge, on  
the RR which runs from that  
place (I believe) to Manassas  
Junction they burned a Tripel  
Work almost as large if not  
larger than the Tripel work  
at near Bristol, a shamefull  
work of destruction, which  
belongs to the Barbarism of  
the middle Age

I can not see how more  
as intelligent as our Southern  
Brethren can get so wrathful &  
self forgetting as to cut off their  
own noses to spoil the looks  
of their own faces. Yesterday  
day we had an exciting time  
fighting all day from here to and  
cross the River and answered  
by the Enemy. However some  
siderable of our forces were  
& skirmishing & we were kept  
up all day, 30 of our forces  
killed and a number wounded  
the Enemy lost severely.

This morning all was quiet  
until about one hour ago  
when the music commenced  
& every little while the Battalion  
set loose, when action com-  
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I know is that I expect  
to do my duty. I am in

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unnatural War will soon  
close, I am satisfied if  
th people of the South would  
understand & appreciate  
our true position all would  
be well, we do not want to  
interfere with their institutions  
all we ask is, the Sovereignty  
of the good old Government.

My dear Wife I am using  
the top of my Cap for a Writing  
desk & can not write very  
plain. There is a Rumor in  
Camp that letters dont go now  
I hope not, I have written  
to you 4 or 5 letters since  
the great fight at Antietam  
I had my my time when  
ever I can I will write  
again Your true man  
write to Capt. M. M. Speer  
67th Reg. U. S. & P. Regts  
Gen Shields Garrison Va

Camp in the woods by the  
Shenandoah River between  
Woodstock & Mt. Jackson Va

April 3/62

My lovely and good Wife,  
my sweet children and Brother!

As I am setting here in a large woods under cover of  
Railpens with Pine brushes and look around me where I can see  
the whole of Shield's Division, with the Exception of the  
Cavelery, the Boys at home in all manners of houses such as can  
be shaped out of Rubber Blankets, Rails, Brush and Straw,  
I felt as though I could not pass my time any more  
profitable than by writing to you, my loved ones.

We have followed up the Enemy from our old place  
near Strasburg, starting April 1st A.M., and as we came  
near Woodstock, the County Seat of Shenandoah County our  
advance and the Enemy's Rear have been continually  
fighting almost; the latter slowly retreating and our  
forces advancing at the same Speed. They burned almost  
every Bridge as they crossed, doing like a certain Animal  
drawing its hole in after him, but we prohibited them or  
rather our Shells [stopped them] from finishing one job of  
burning a Bridge, on the Railroad which runs from Mount  
Jackson (I believe) to Manassas Junction. They burned a

trussel work almost as large if not larger than the  
trussel work at near Bristol, a shameful work of  
destruction, which belongs to the Barbarians of the  
middle Age.

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Brethen can get so wrathly and self forgetting as to cut  
off their own noses to spoil the looks of their own  
faces. Yesterday we had an exciting time firing all day  
from here to across the River and answered by the Enemy.  
However considerable of our forces crossed and skirmishing  
and so forth were kept up all day; 3 of our forces killed  
and a number wounded; the enemy lost severely.

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when the music commenced and every little while the  
Batteries let loose. When action commences I know not; all  
I know is that I expect to do my duty. I am in hopes this  
unwarrantable and unnatural War will soon close. I am  
satisfied if the people of the South would understand and  
appreciate our true position, all would be over. We do not  
want to interfere with their institutions; all we ask is,  
the Sovereignty of the good old Government.

My dear Wife I am using the top of my cap for a  
Writing desk and can not write very plain. There is a  
rumor in camp that letters dont go now. I hope not, I have

written to you 4 or 5 letters since the great fight at  
Winchester.

Good buy my love when ever I can I will write again.

Yours Ever

Marcus

Write to Capt. M.M. Spiegel

67<sup>th</sup> Regt. O.V. 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade

Genl Shields Division Va.





Camp in the Woods  
near Edinburg Va W April 6/62

My kind beloved and sweet wife!

I do not intend to write you  
a very long letter this time from  
the fact that I have written  
you 7 letters since the 1<sup>st</sup> Battle  
and the last I received from  
you was one week ago to night  
written the 23<sup>d</sup> on the Eve of  
the Great Battle.

I have no doubt however but  
you have written several but  
our mails are more irregular  
than they have ever been, the best  
way for you to direct letters  
will be

Capt. A. M. Suggil  
9<sup>th</sup> Regt. U. S.  
1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Shields Division  
Va

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then they will be more apt to  
come and as the Baltimore & Ohio  
R. R. is finished now there will  
be no difficulty in getting them  
along. We have been here now 4  
days right in sight of the Enemy  
skirmish fighting & Cannonading  
daily yet I think there will

will be no fighting here, as the  
Enemy is separated from us by  
the South Branch of the Shenandoah  
River and as soon as we  
advance they will retreat  
and I think if Genl Kimball is  
correct and he undoubtedly is, the  
War will soon be over as the Enemy  
is surrounded and he thinks they will  
see how they are trapped and  
want to surrender.

My love I am thinking that  
I will soon be permitted to see you  
I just feel so, though Genl Kimball  
told me to day when I asked him  
for a furlough, "indeed Captain  
we can not let our best officers  
go" although he told me a day  
after the Battle, "I don't think

Captain we don't refuse you anything"  
yet in spite of all I think I

can engineer a furlough through

Oh won't we have a gay old  
time? Eh! old sweet girl? Certainly  
we will or any other man.

What does Uncle Jorey say to  
his gallant Soldier Brother?

I tell you he can not fool  
me again about my soldiering  
when I come home & command  
him, about "face" "right face"  
"left face" "march" he must mind  
me

as the Guard house is his  
doom. My Son Hamlin I hope  
is doing as well as he always  
was and learning and growing  
fast, My sweet daughter Lizzie  
I am sure behaves herself, because  
she is the only little Lady I  
have. Mosey you think would  
not hurt me anymore which  
indeed would make me feel a  
kind awkward you must tell  
him, now pa is coming and  
learn him to run out as though  
he wanted to meet me and  
then he will get used to me.

If I should happen to come  
home unexpected dont be sad  
because I have made up my  
mind to come as soon as I  
can get off and for fear of  
not getting to go when I want  
to I will go when I can  
yet there might be a slight  
possibility of not succeeding  
if so I will have to yield to  
powers that be, but I will try  
my best and you know I am  
pretty good at trying and it  
would I think go hard with  
me if I did not dare to go  
as I put my head for going

Besides all this there is  
one thing that is of great  
help to me, Lt Col Lewis is  
almost as anxious for  
me to go as I am, he wants  
me to go to Columbus & see the  
Governor for him and make  
all things right about his  
promotion all he can do will  
be done. So you can see  
we can hope keep up your  
spirit and I will mind  
in fact I feel as good some  
how as ever I did since  
I am a Soldier, and well and  
heartily can eat like a drooper  
this dinner we had a chicken  
pot pie but it was rather  
heavy, we are baking biscuits  
without butter or cream  
we allow

My love to all I hope  
to go Joseph & John & all their  
families and just prepare  
something good when I come  
I wrote a letter to the family  
to day which I suppose will  
be published in the paper of April  
17<sup>th</sup> I think pretty good  
Your true & Ever loving  
Marcy

Camp in the Woods near Edenburg Va. April 6/62

My kind beloved and sweet wife!

I do not intend to write you a very long letter this time from the fact that I have written you 7 letters since the Battle and the last I received from you was one week ago to night written the 23<sup>rd</sup> or the Eve of the great Battle.

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see you. I just feel so, though General Kimball told me to day when I asked him for a furlough, "indeed Captain we can not let our best officers go", although he told me a day after the Battle, "I dont think Captain we dare refuse you anything." Yet in spite of all I think I can engineer a furlough through.

Oh won't we have a gay old time? Eh! Old sweet girl? Certainly we will or any other man.

What does Oncle Josey say to his gallant Soldier Brother? I tell you he can not fool me again about my soldiering when I come home and command him, "about face" "right face" "left face" "march", he must mind me, or the Guard house is his doom. My Son Hamlin I hope is doing as well as he always was and learning and growing fast. My sweet daughter Lizzie I am sure behaves herself, because she is the only little Lady I have. Mosey you think would not know me anymore which indeed would make me feel a kind [of] awkward[ness]. You must tell him "now pa is coming" and learn him to run out as though he wanted to meet me and then he will get used to me.

If I should happen to come home unexpected dont be scared because I have made up my mind to come as soon as can get off and for fear of not getting to go when I want to I will go when I can. Yet there might be a slight possibility of not

succeeding; if so I will have to yield to powers that be, but I will try my best and you know I am pretty good at trying and it would I think go hard with me if I dit not dare to go as I set my head for going. Besides all this, there is one thing that is of great help to me; Lieutenant Colonel Voris is almost as anxious for me to go as I am; he wants me to go to Columbus and see the Governor for him and make all things right about his promotion; all he can do will be done. So you can see we can hope. Keep up your Spirit and I will mine; in fact I feel as good some how as ever I dit since I am a Soldier, and well and hearty; can eat like a trooper. This dinner we had a chicken pot pie but it was rather heavy; we are baking buisquits without Butter or cream, use tallow.

My love to all Herzer, Jo Joseph Cohn & all their families and just prepare something good when I come. I wrote a letter to the Farmer to day which I suppose will be published in the Farmer of April 17<sup>th</sup> I think pretty good.

Your true & Ever loving

Marcus

(Martinsburg) only it ain't

Camp in the Woods  
near Edinburg Va April 8/62

My dear dear Wife & sweet Children  
My dear Father Jo.

I have nothing news, nor  
any letter from you to answer  
as I have received none since  
the one written by you March 21<sup>st</sup> 23  
for which I feel quite uneasy &  
the only consolation left me  
is that no one else in the  
Regt. receives any letters.

I feel well and about as  
good spirit as ever I did  
since I entered the service.  
and that is a sign in which  
I trust that you are well  
for if it were not I am  
sure I should not feel so  
well besides this there is one  
other reason why I do not  
feel as uneasy as I probably  
should and that is the fact  
that Dr. Ebright is at home  
and told you all & as he will  
probably soon return you  
must have concluded to  
send letter by him



Do you see that I am still  
of the "old Stamp" and as I  
used to be, "never to anticipate  
trouble, but always hoping for  
the best. Can you adopt that  
Doctrine? Will you?

The weather for the last  
two days and two nights has  
been so unpleasant raining  
and snowing ~~incessantly~~  
incessantly so that Company  
B. & the left wing of our  
Regt. being in rather low ground  
had two feet of water in  
their tents when 2 days ago  
the ground was hard ~~dry~~ &  
as it looks now, <sup>as if it would</sup> ~~it does~~  
not cease raining for 9 months  
the sky is covered with heavy  
clouds from East to West &  
from North to South not  
a bright spot can be dis-  
covered on the horizon and  
yet, don't get scared when  
I tell you "I have not even  
the slightest idea of the  
Blues, I have been after  
making my daily & monthly  
Reports & settling with the  
Company up to Col  
Voss's tent and commented  
him & cutting up, telling him

My wife was the best looking and  
my Children were the best &c  
and a thousand other things  
untill we made up & settled  
it by him inviting me  
to tea which I refused as  
I knew we had some roast  
Mutton and fresh coars  
bushkirts & good Coffee for  
supper and as there were  
7 or 8 sitting around all  
day in my tent some  
from my Company & some  
from the 29<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> of Men  
& East Liberty &c which I  
had to invite to Dinner  
a Splendid Mutton Bean  
Soup fried Sheep Kidney  
I told my boys just now  
not to get supper untill  
every "booker" of them  
had left as I do not  
propose to feed the Reg<sup>t</sup>.  
Henry Adams is still cooking  
for me and I also (that  
is Chapman, Child & myself)  
work Henry Beeble as the  
work of cooking & cleaning  
Horses & doing chores for  
Col. Voss got to burden  
some for the Reg<sup>t</sup> & as  
he is a near neighbor boy

I, to wear for hard days  
labor I thought I would  
take him under my special  
care, he is good Boy you  
can tell his father & mother  
so.

Glory, Glory, Glory

Bully for me, the long  
Expected, come at last

I just now received your & Uncle  
Joseph's good sweet letters of  
28 to 31 March and I knew I  
was right when I would not suffer  
myself to get the "blues" Oh Lordy  
but I feel so good, just think  
of receiving the congratulations  
my dear good friends my sweet  
wife, my lady wife, my dear brother  
to the first Battle fought, by  
an inexperienced Civillian, but  
thank God, I feel proud knowing  
and feeling that I what I have done  
will not do harm to any one.

In answer to the foregoing  
Question I can only say  
what I have said in my last  
all that I can do shall be done  
I am still under the impression  
of coming home soon & staying  
through Wool season

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But if it should not be so I can  
not help it and I think I would  
get homesick, oh God how bad  
I want to see you all and tell  
you of the many, many interesting  
Incidents of Battle, War Campaigns  
I know you could sit till 12 o'clock  
at night and listen to all I have  
to say. You might maybe think  
why I do not write them, but  
you know there are many  
little things that might be  
of interest to tell, but could  
be flat on Paper. I have  
however no doubt but I  
will soon get a chance to tell  
you all. To my dear children  
Hamlin, Lizzie and Mosey  
I would say that the great  
reason why I could fight  
so well was simply because  
they are such very good  
children and it gives me  
the best of heart and feeling,  
every time I hear such good  
news of them, I only hope  
they will continue to be  
such. Brother dear Brother  
your kind letter done me as  
much good as though I would  
have been successful in 6 Battles

There is nothing new here,  
why our forces do not occupy  
the River Shenandoah and  
take position there I do not  
understand as we have not  
had any fighting here since  
yesterday morning. I presume  
all is right and the Enemy  
have fallen back, but as I  
am no General I am satisfied.

Our Brigade is still in the  
advance and I can tell you  
it is a bully Brigade composed  
of the 14<sup>th</sup> Ind. 4<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Ohio  
and 84<sup>th</sup> Pa. it is the fighting  
Brigade of Shields Division.

Genl. Kimbal told me Sunday  
that he would not trust the 1<sup>st</sup>  
Brigade for any Brigade of the  
same number of troops or  
1000 men in the U.S. Service.

Oh Genl. Kimbal think so  
much of me and he such a  
good man to, he told Davis, that  
Cap Spiegel is the best Captain  
in my Brigade, since Shields is  
wounded, he commands the  
whole Division. It is getting late  
good night my sweet dear ones  
the God of our fathers protects  
you, may every blessing of heaven  
rest upon you is the wish of  
Your true  
Warriner

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So you see that I am still of the "old stamp" and as I used to be "never anticipate trouble, but always hoping for the best. Can you adopt that Doctrine? Will you?

The weather for the last two days and two nights has been so unpleasant raining and snowing incessantly so that Company B&G the left wing of our Reg't. being in rather low ground had 2 feet of water in their tents where 2 days ago the ground was hard & dry as it looks now, as if it would not cease raining for

2 months the sky is covered with heavy clouds from East to West & from North to South not a bright spot can be discovered on the Horizon and yet "don't get scared when I tell you" I have not even the slightest Idea of the Blues, I have been after making my daily, monthly report & settling with the Commissary up to Col. Voris tent and Tormented him & cutting up, telling him my wife was the best looking and my children were the best & C and a thousand other things until we made up and settled it by him inviting me to tea which I refused as I knew we had some roast Mutton and fresh warm buiskuits & good coffee for supper and as there were 7 or 8 settling around all day in my tent some from my company & some from the 29<sup>th</sup> Regt. At Akron & East Liberty & C which I had to invite to Dinner a splendit Mutton Bean soup & friend sheep kidney I told my boys just now not to get supper until every "booker" of them had left as I do not propose to feed the Regt.

Henry Adams is still cooking for me and I also (that is Chapman Childs & myself) took Henry Biegle as the work of cooking & cleaning Horses & doing chores for Col. Voris got to burdensome for the Boy & as he is a near neighbor boy & to weak for hard labor I thought I would take him under my special care, he is a good Boy you can tell his father & mother so.

Glory, Glory, Glory,

Bully for me, the long expected, come at last.

I just now received your & Oncle Josey good sweet letters of 28 to 31 March and I knew I was right when I would not suffer myself to get the blues "Oh Lordy but I feel so good. Just think of receiving the congratulations my dead good friends my sweet wife, my lovely, wife, my dear brother to the first Battle fought, by an inexperienced Civillian, but thank God I feel proud knowing and feeling that what I have done will not do harm to anyone.

In answer to the furlough Question, I can only say what I have said in my last all that I can do shall be done I am still under the impression of coming home soon & staying through wool season.

But if it should not be so I can not help it and I think I would get homesick, Oh God how bad I want to see you all and tell you of the many, many interesting Incidents of Battle, War & Campayne. I know you could sit till 12 O'clock at night and listen to all I have to say. You might maybe think why I do not right them, but you know there are many little things that might be of interest to tell, but would be flat on Paper. I have however no doubt but I will soon get a chance to tell you all. To my dear children Hamlin, Lizzie and Mosey I would say that the great reason why I could fight so well was simply because they are such very good children and it gives me the best of heart and feelings everytime I hear such good news for them, I



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Gen'l. Kimball told me Sunday that he would not this the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade for any Brigade of the same number of troops or 1000 more in the U.S. Service.

Oh, Genl Kimbal thinks so much of me and he such a good man to, he told Voris, that Cap "Spiegel is the best Captain in my Brigade, since Shields is wounded, he commands the whole Division. It is getting late. Good night my sweet dear ones, the God of our fathers protects you, may every blessing of heaven rest upon you is the wish of your true, Marcus.

Head Quarters Comp. C. 67<sup>th</sup> Reg. U.S.  
In the field near Woodstock Va  
April 24/1862

My dear and good wife, my good Brothers!  
My sweet Children!

This is the longest interval of writing to  
you since I have been in the Army, and as  
it is now I feel very & agonized for not  
keeping up my regular way of corresponding,  
but believe me my dear ones, it was not  
for any lack of love or care for you  
withed was it negligence, but partly  
for the reason of having anticipated  
of great pleasure in suspending your  
part of my great noble and my great  
pressure, but also the way of  
my dear ones will be that if I find  
and frequently written from our views  
and often our fondest hopes are  
shattered, what we think them  
almost accomplished.

Two weeks ago, I made application  
for a leave of absence at the invitation  
of Col. Voss and at the acquiescence  
of the presence of my almost home  
last yesterday, my request was ap-  
proved by Col. Voss (of course) by  
Lt. Mason Commanding the Brigade  
by Lieut. Kimball Commanding Division  
but Gen. Shields and Banks either  
feel disposed to let any Officers  
go home at present, and this I  
found out just now through a special

~~Dear Mother and Sister~~  
I have just I wrote to you on  
yours since Datta left we were in an  
other fight, though not as severe by  
a good deal as the one we had yet  
in military point of view fully  
as important the history of which  
I enclose to you in a letter to  
the Wells, Co. W. Army.

I have been dreaming thinking  
and almost living about and on  
the fond hope of soon seeing you my  
sweet good and lovely Elly wife, my  
beloved Brother whom I respect now  
every day, and my darling Children  
but for the present I must forgo  
the pleasure and console myself  
with the hope of soon to have  
the pleasure but if the necessity  
of being compelled to give up this  
Gem and seeing neither God nor  
3 days and being called back  
from the active field to Police duty,  
gives me the blues somewhat, you  
will not I hope, feel as though  
you would want to blame me  
much. I have come to the conclusion  
that the fighting part of the 67<sup>th</sup>  
Regt is about played out for this  
War and we may have to stay  
here 2 or 3 months, as Col Wright  
is commanding the Post.

I want much to write you  
when the wool season commences  
and what the prospects are, I  
have written to A. J. Hunted Esq.  
Schenectady N. Y. & to my old  
friend Hood Troy but need no  
answer, you had better at once  
write to Taylor of Cleo. A  
Scotch I presume Henry will  
have no objection to write in  
the name of the old firm as we  
want to do our wool business  
together again. As soon as Davis  
has once taken formal possession  
of the Command of Port, I think  
he is entitled to usual leave of absence  
without the long "Picknicks" of  
approvals and "rejections".

I have on the other hand thought  
best not to urge the matter at present,  
from the fact that if I would only  
get leave for 15 days it would  
not give me time to attend to a certain  
transaction at home which I  
would not like to miss and whether  
I have time to do any  
business in wool and the \$  
or \$50 would be spent in a  
hurry and very little satisfaction  
derived from it in return.

We have been 18 miles further  
and were ordered back, to guard  
the Government's Stores and

Clear the mountainous regions  
from the Guirillas and Bush  
whacks.

Since I wrote the above  
I was taken to New Market  
as witness on a Court Martial  
convened to try Col Brunsbinder  
but the noble Homburg Col could  
not be found & therefore the Court  
was adjourned until next morning.

I can therefore not go for  
you next week some time, although  
though I have no heard of absence  
yet I think I get one.

In New Market I recd your  
kind note and your Joseph's letter, with  
the news of my friend Lt Sabine  
distinguished presented at Mitterburg  
for which I am pleased, he is  
a fair kind of a fellow and  
when they he always lets us  
as though he thought "I" was  
that is "Capt. Spitzel" was  
about all the man there is  
in the Regt.

My chance for getting to be  
Major is good providing we can  
get Col Brunsbinder convinced  
of which we have no doubt.  
if we fail & he should return  
to the Regt I will unconditionally  
resign & go home.

Colonel has not yet been arrested  
but the matters are in the hands of  
a military board and hope they may  
send him to L. I., for he is a Scoundrel.  
The box I have not yet recd. but  
you may safely bet on it that my  
mouth is watering" for the contents  
already I have sent a man for  
it to day & have no doubt but it  
will be here by to morrow & then or  
yets wont I pitch in? I should  
think I will.

As far as my debts are con-  
cerned in Millersburg I owe the  
Bank \$500 which I will send  
as soon as we are paid off  
I we are promised for pay &  
the paymaster is expected daily  
you must not give yourself any  
uneasiness about any of my  
affairs I am doing well I will be  
home "Woolseason" & stay at home  
4 or 5 weeks & then we will  
have a grand old time I'll  
bet you, Oh but I would like  
to see you all, yet when I get snell  
loving and sweet letters from all of  
you, then I feel proud, happy &  
gay, I am all perfectly well  
no boil nor anything else, but  
as contented as any man in my  
circumstances could be & as I think  
of coming home in about 6 or 7 weeks

then I feel gay & well, my  
appetite is good & I do not seek  
any Company but those of my  
boys and Dr. Ebright & Col. Voris

The other day Voris, Ebright  
and myself had a fine horseback  
ride over these Hills, Voris acting  
as a Disposition Officer of the Troop  
Ebright & myself ~~were~~ rode with  
him as Aids & if you would have  
seen your "gallant Soldier"  
galloping over the Hills I know  
you would have felt gay & proud  
even if I did stay out at meals  
a little too long & even if you did  
scold me a little when I was at  
Heger's Crossing to late

It is now 10 o'clock in the Eve  
I am to day Regimental Officer  
of the day & have to make the  
grand Rounds after 12 o'clock &  
I would like to write to you all  
night or read your letters all  
night (by the by I do read them  
most all day when I am not  
on duty) but I have several  
letters to write yet and I do  
really think I am acting foolish  
in writing so much nonsense  
& so often. yes I think you  
can not complain of me not  
writing enough, because they  
are often laughing at me for

home all the time.

I am now clearing \$120 per month over all Expenses and I think that is doing pretty well, considering the way times are, every where & as for danger I fear it not I am just as well satisfied that I am engaged in a glorious Cause & will come home with honor & glory all safe & sound as I am of my Expedition just give yourself no uneasiness on my account I will be home better then I left it in health & spirit as well as pecuniary relations and a better man.

While I write on one side of the table Chapman writes on the other a letter to the "Republican". I have a chance of sending this letter by a young man from Akron who will give it to Patton or Palmer I enclose ten Dollars for you as soon as I get my money I will send you more. I sold my watch & chain to Chapman for one hundred Dollars I am glad she is sold, I will get the money the 2<sup>nd</sup> pay day.

Tell Hamlin that, his House and his letter pleased me so much that I felt as though I could



have kissed him <sup>24</sup> one thousand times,  
it looked so much like a big Son,  
everybody asked me whether he  
was as big as a man, he must  
do as he said in his letter, learn well  
& be a good, very good boy, maybe  
he will get something else than  
a Pistol. Tell Lizzie that I  
am so very much pleased, that  
she is such a good Girl, that  
I tell everybody that I have a  
regular "young lady daughter" she  
will get something nicer than  
a little nigger. Tell Murrey to keep  
Papa's chair ready for him, he  
will be home to sit in it "pretty  
soon". If Mr McCormick's wa-  
ntions towards Lizzie <sup>are honorable</sup> & you will  
& she thinks she can get him, by all  
means "smoke him" he will make  
a good Husband & is worth having,  
Elizabeth look out, be a good and  
virtuous girl & if he is honorable & you  
can marry him, do so.

Good night my love, may your  
dreams be happy & agreeable & may  
you rise from your bed strengthened  
& hearty & allways be happy &  
may never now a dreary day or  
unpleasant occurrence come across  
your path of life, but may it be  
happy indeed and the privilege of enjoying  
it with you, be granted to your loving & true  
Husband & share

I spent this morning  
\$320 to Euro Brown to Credit on my self  
\$100 to Mrs M. M. Spiegel of which I would  
like to have you pay 18. Cobn 30 and  
give Uncle Joseph as much as he  
wants, we only need paid till Febry  
we will be paid again the 10th of  
May when I will be able to close  
out the most of my pressing ad affairs  
and should I get the Major ship at  
\$200 for Mr. I would in very few mo.  
fit it so I would have quite a nice little  
Capital to go out and do business and  
with the money Uncle Joseph could get  
in; meaning we could run the best  
institution in Hillerberg.

I was very anxious my dear Wife  
to run a nice even business without  
any trouble and difficulty, without any  
pressure, without the necessity of working,  
without being compelled to go to a  
Beehouse or anywhere else to keep  
up appearance and without ~~forboring~~  
my head to any one, but simply, to  
 devote my all, my ~~at~~ ambition,  
my time & my strength to my dear, dear,  
beloved family first and to my  
business next, I think this military  
has improved me, I do really think  
it made me a better man, both  
mentally & physically, more self dependent  
more independent and less  
"fractious" I hope you will

all agree with me when I come  
home as to the improvement in  
everything except my boots, I  
think I get homier

If Cohn fears to think he  
ought to have \$40 let him have  
it as I shall bring money with  
me when I come home.

Give my love to all I ain't  
buried the man that takes  
the money is going to Unishish  
I will write again after I had  
some rest. I just returned &  
walked 10 miles it rains here  
all the time. I shall write  
often hereafter, & as long as  
we stay here I shall write  
God of times a week

My sweet Harbin, Lizzie  
Mary I will see you very  
soon, very soon indeed & then  
we will have a good time for  
awhile.

I will write to mamma  
Yours ever  
Henry

Write to  
Woodstock  
Va

Head Quarters Comp. C. 67<sup>th</sup> Reg. O.V.

In the field near Woodstock Va.

April 27/1862

My dear and good Wife, my good Brother!

My sweet children!

This is the longest interval of writing to you since I have been in the Army, and as it is, now I feel sorry and aggrieved for not keeping up my regular way of corresponding but believe me my dear ones, it was not for any lack of love or care for you, neither was it negligence, but simply for the reason of having anticipation of the great pleasure of surprising you with my great, noble and August presence, but alas, the ways of humanity as well as that of providence are frequently hidden from our views and often our fondest hopes are blasted[?] when we think them almost accomplished.

Two weeks ago, I made application for a leave of absence at the solicitations of Colonel Voris and at the acquiescence of the pressure of my almost homesick feelings. My request was approved by Colonel Voris (of course), by Colonel Mason, Commanding 1st Brigade, by General Kimball commanding Division, but General Shields nor Banks either feel disposed to let any Officers go home at present, and this I found out just now and therefore immediately commenced writing.

Since last I wrote to you or rather since Dobbs left, we

were in another fight, though not as severe by a good deal as the Winchester, yet in military point of view fully as important, the history of which I enclose to you in a letter to the Holmes County Farmer.

I have been dreaming, thinking and almost living about and on the fond hope of soon seeing you my sweet good and lovely Wife, my beloved Brother whom I respect more every day, and my darling Children, but for the present I must forgo the pleasure and console myself with the hope of soon to have the pleasure but if the necessity of being compelled to give up this Grim [?] and rainy weather for over 3 days, and being called back from the active field to Police duty, gives me the "blues" somewhat, you will not I hope, feel as though you would want to blame me much. I have come to the conclusion that the fighting part of the 67th Regiment is about played out for this War and we may have to stay here 2 or 3 months, as Colonel Voris is commanding this Post.

I want Uncle Joseph to write me when the wool season commences and what the prospects are. I have written to M. T. Hunter Esq. Schenectedy, N.Y., and to my old friends Hood Troy but received no answer. You had better at once write to Taylor of Cleveland and Suttlef. I presume Henry will have no objection to write in the name of the old Firm as we want to do our Wool Business together again. As soon as

Voris has once taken formal possession of the Command of Post, I think he is entitled to issue leave of absence without the long "Rickmeroo" of approvals and rejections.

I have on the other Hand thought best not to urge the matter at present, from the fact that if I would only get leave for 15 days it would not give me time to attend to a certain transaction at home which I would not like to miss and neither would I have time to do any business in wool and the \$50 or \$60 would be spent in a hurry and very little satisfaction derived from it in return.

We have been 18 miles further and were ordered back, to Guard the Governments Stores and clear the mountainous regions from the Guerillas and Bush whackers.

Since I wrote the above I was taken to New Market as witness on a Court Martial commenced to try Colonel Buerstenbinder but the noble Hamburg Colonel could not be found and therefore the Court was adjourned until next Monday.

I can therefore not go before next week some time. Although I have no leave of absence yet I think I get one.

In New Market I received your kind note and Brother Joseph's letter, with the news of my friend Lieutenant Fahrian illustrious presence at Millersburg for which I am pleased. He is a fair kind of fellow and when here he always lets on as

though he thought "I," that is "Captain Spiegel" was about all the man there is in the Regiment.

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It is now 10 o'clock in the Eve I am to day Regimental officer of the day and have to make the grand rounds after 12 o'clock & I would like to write to you all night or read your letters all night (by the by I do read them most all day when I am not on duty) but I have severall letters to write yet and I do really think I am acting foolish in writing so much nonsense, & so often. Yes I think you can not complain of me not writing enough, because they are often laughing at me for home all the time.

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dear, dear and beloved family first and to my business next. I think this military has improved me; I do really think it made me a better man, both mentally and fisically, more self dependent, more independent and less "fractious". I hope you will all agree with me when I come as to the improvement in everything except my looks. I think I got homelier.

If Cohn seems to think he ought to have \$40 let him have it as I shall bring money with me when I come home.

Give my love to all I am hurried the man that takes the money is going to Winchester. I will write again after I had some rest. I just returned & walked 10 miles it rains here all the time. I shall write often hereafter, & as long as we stay here I shall write 3 or 4 times a week.

My sweet Hamlin, Lizzie & Mosey I will see you very soon, very soon indeed & then we will have a good time for awhile.

I will write to morrow

Yours Ever

Spiegel

Write to Woodstock Va.

Woodstock Va  
April 29/69

My dear sweet good wife

I just have an opportunity  
to send a few lines to you and  
moments to do it in as we ac-  
cidentally have a chance to send  
a letter, a chance that comes  
very seldom and I did not  
have of this until now.

I am well & hold again  
for my farewell thought of  
starting for home in a  
few days & then

Remain for some

Your true  
Ever loving

Marion

We have no prospects of  
having her, are guarding the  
Post, I am Edward  
Marshall

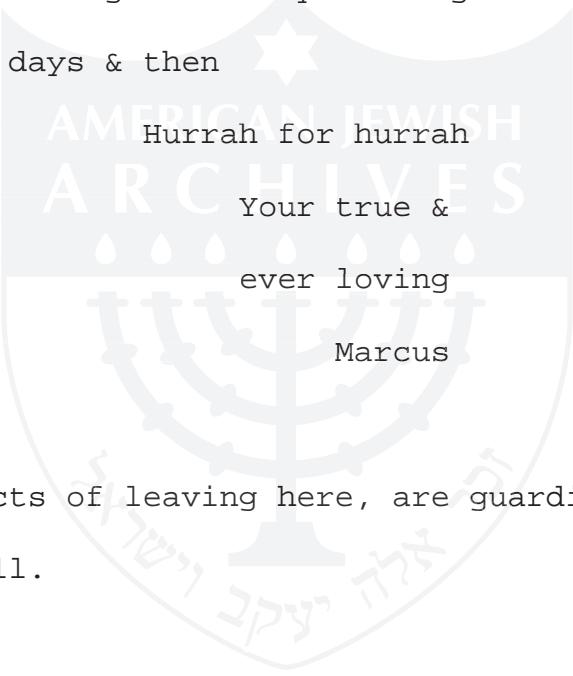
Woodstock Va

April 29/62

My dear sweet good wife

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I am well & look again for my furlough think of starting for home in a few days & then



Hurrah for hurrah  
Your true &  
ever loving  
Marcus

We have no prospects of leaving here, are guarding the Post, I am Provost Marshall.