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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.

I can not see how men as intelligent as our Southern Brethen can get so wrathy 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.

This morning all was quiet until about an hour ago 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 new Edinking to Mapile My Kind beloved and queet wife ! I do not intend to write your a very long letter this time from the fact that I have written you of letters since the Balle an the last I received from you was one week ago to night written the 33 d or the Ene of the guat Battle. I have no doubt homever but you have written several but our mails are more coregular than they have ever hear, the best way for you to direct letters will be Capie a. M. Jucgil 1 d' Brigade Shuilde Divifiin put no Camp as place our et & then they will be more apple to Come and as the Baltimore Vohen The no difficulty is getting them along . We have been here now of days night in Sight of the Enery Minniel fighting & Caymonading daily get I that there will

will be no fighting here, as the Eveny is seperated from in hy the South Branch of the Skewandoa River and as form as me advance they will retreat and I think if Sent fimbal is concer and he undoubtedly is, the Was will soon be over as the Energy is surrounded and he thinks they will see how they are chapped and unt fimender My love I am thouting that I will soon he permitted to see you I just feel to, though Hen? Kimball told me to day aber I asked him for a funlough , indeed Captain we can not let am best officers go! allhough he told me a day after the Battle , I don't thrill Captaint we done lefue your ampli yet in spite of all I thank I' Can engineer a finlough through Ih went we have a gay old time? Eh: all sweet gil? Certain we will or any other man What does onche forey say lo his gallant Soldier Finther? I tell you he can not fool me again about my soldiering when I come home I command him, about face " right face" " left face march he must him

as the Ayand house is his doom my dow Hambin Thepe is doing as well as he all mays was and learning and gunning fast, my sweet daughter Liquie I am fine behaves herelf, becaus, The is the only little Lady & have. Mozey you think coontel not hurd me anymore wheel indeed would make me feel a Kind autward you must tell kint, now for a coming and learn hind to provert as though he wanted to meet me and then he will get used to me. If I think happen to come home anefficited don't befound became I have made up any mill to come as soon as I Carryett of and for fear of not getting to go when I want to I will go when I can yet there might he a slight possibility of not succeeding powers that he, but I will try my best and you there I have pretty good let trying and it worked I think go had will me if I dit not dave to go as I gat my head for going

Devides all this there is and thing that is of great help to mer 24 Col Vois is L. allmost as anxions for me to go to Columbia tace the all things right about his promotion all he can do will the can hope they up your appoint and will and ame a fact of feel as good ame how as ever I dit since I am a Voldier, and well and hearty can eat like a drooper This dimed we had a chierten por pie but it was wath heavy , the are balling bissignity nottont Ponthe ad bream my line to all freque Ja forseful Cohn Hall their families and pust prepare Something good when I on I wrote a letter to the famin to day which I suppose will he published in the farmer of lipit your true & Erection Marcup

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.

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. M.M. Spiegel

67<sup>th</sup> Regt. O.V.

1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Shields Division Va.

put no camp or place on it & 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 and cannonading daily. Yet I think there 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 General 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 must surrender.

My love I am thinking that I will soon be permitted to

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

( (attempting) only it amt Camp in the thords mead Edinberry Va apart 8/62 My dear Mile Hinter Children My dear Brather Jo. I have nothing new, nor any letter from you to anned the one consten by you March 21/23 for which I feel quite emeany & the only consolation left me is that no one else in the Megt recieves any letters . I feil well and about as good spirit as ever & dit brince I cutered the Service. and that is a fight in which I trust that you are well for if it ever not I am June I should not feel in Well besides this there is one other reason why I do ont feel as many or I puchable Should and that is the fack that for Ebright is at home and toto your all & as to will prohablig soon return your mint have concluded to Send letter by him

To you be that I am still of the , old stamp and as I used to be meder to anticipat touble, but allongs hoping for the best. Can your adopt that Doctime & Will you? The meather for the last two days and two nights have and froming incomenting S Regt being in patter lon gum had two feet of Water in their tents where I days aga the guma was han they & not clase paining for I months the they is covered with leary clouds from East to West & from North to Outh out a bright sport can be die a Covered and the Mariged and yet ant get scared when I tell you" I have not wen the flightest Idea of the Blues, I have been after making my daily months Commission up to cub Vorio tent and Somented him & cutting up telling him

my wife was the hest looking and my Children were the heat ve and a thousand acher things entill car made up settled it by him enviting me to tea which I refused as I know we had dom roan Mutton and fresh wain huickmits & good Cepper you Supper and as their corre you & Setting around all day in my tent some from my Company Dome from the 29 & Regt Allern Hast Siberty & which I had to invite to Remied a Splendit Mutter Bean Somp fuid Sheep Ridney I tot my bog for with not to get supper until way booker of them had lift as I do not propose to feed the Reg ? for me and also that is Chapmany Childs & myself) tork Herry Beegle as the Houses I doing choices for Col Voin gat to budden he is a near neighbor bay

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Part if it should not be so dear not help it and & that & would get homesick, oh had have had I want to see you all and tell you of the many, many interesting I know you could set till 12ochon at might and lisked to all I have to say you might maybe thank why I do not right them, but your Know there are many little things that might be of Interest to tell, but coold he flat an Paper. I have however no doubt but I will soon get a chance to tell you all. To ing dear children Hamling Liggie and money I would say that the quat reason why I could fight to well was simply because they are such dery good Children and it gives me the heat of heart and feeling every time I hear Ouch gods news of them, I only hope they will continue to be Inch. Mather dear Brother your kind letter done me as much good as though I would have been succeptull in 612attles 1

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(Martinsburg) only it ain't

Camp in the Woods

near Edinburg Va April 8/62

My dear Wife & sweet children

My dear Brother Jo.

I have nothing new, nor any letter from you to answer as I have received none since the one written by you March 21/23 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 dit 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 letters by him.

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 Horizen 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 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 successfull in 6 Battles.

There is nothing new here, why our folks do not cross 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>, 67<sup>th</sup> Ohio and 84<sup>th</sup> Pa. It is a fighting Brigade of Shields Division.

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.

Hod Quarters Comp. C. 67 thy or. Car the field not Modelocit Va April 21/1862 . My dear and good evile, may good Brother! my smeet children! This is the longest duter as of winding to you fince I have been in the arring , and a it is now I feel vory & agained for met Repaire up in an and g couponing the blow in any an area it was not promotion of the or good proper minu was it realized and in the good provide and and it was provide a second and it was and often a lopendent hopes are thas ted when and think them all acamported ... This weeks ego, I would a side for a long of allower at the initiation of this and at the acquire of the produced of my allmost home set yearing I my lequest was of. queredo los cal bois for cince toy En Maran, Commaning A Brigale . by dent Kimball pommaning Dife Ant Hend Childs und Banks eithe feel dispond to let any Office . go home at present, and this I fond out put and the s

Religion to a a for the Mittice turt of tarte to you ar rain since tothe lift we wan and other fight though bit as succeeding a good deal as the there do yet in military point of A live fully as important the history of wheet In afoling to you in a letter to the foling to Manner. I have been dreaming thinking and allmost living about and on the find hope I sover daing your my Sweat good and lively gogge Wife, mig beloved Broched whom I respect mou every day, and my darking Children but for the present I must forgo the flearner and console Impelf the pleasant that if the necessity of being competited togine up this Sem and painy wetter for one I days and being called back ?! from the actine field to Police date, gives me the blues " Someonhat, gon will hot I hope, feel as though you wond want to blam me much. I have come to the conclusion that the fighting part of the bythe What and the may have to stay here 2013 months, as Cal Voris a commanding this Prot-

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clear the known hancour regione that the finicillas and Small I was taken to sten Market as withere and a Count Martin commenced to try Cal Breestenhinder but the moble Hagating Col conto into adjanced with next home , i dian therefore mot go has for meth Weelt for time all though I have no leave of about yet & thirth I get and the then Machet Que your Kind Note and the Josepho letter, with the news of my find it Jahin iloustaions presence at Millusting for which I am pleased, he is a fair this of a fillow and when the he selways less and as through he throught " the that is Cap. Opengel " un about all the man ded get. Col Brussentinder Comstated I which we have no doute. if ine fail the he thank white to the Rest & will uncondianal Moign & ga home .

Calorel has not yet been accessed but the matters are in the harro of & pulitary baaks and hope they may bend had to bo by for he is a comill The bot & have not get red. but you may pately bet an it that my month is coatering for the contents allready I have fend a mad for it to day & have no doubt but it will be here by to monow then of 460 work & fitch in ? I should thints could. as far as my della are concound in Mailleusting & one the Bank & sto which I will dem the form as we are fait off Live are punchered for pay 3 the paymaster is if picked daily your must not give yourself and appris I tour dony well will be some Wool least + I hay at tome A wir Weeks then ene would Nyve a gran of time Ill bet for , the but I would like to see you all, yet what I get and loving and sweet letters from all of you then I feel prover, happy a gay, I am all perfectly well no boil hor anything else, but bs contenter as any mon in my Cucimstances conto be & as I think fcoming tom in about any weeks

then I feel gay & well, my appetite is good & do not seek any Company but those of my boys and Di Ebright & Cal Voio The other day Nois, Ebright and myself had a fine house back no over these Hills, Vois acting as & Disipion officed of the Freits Elight & myself and some with him as dids & if you would have seen your a gallant dolice" galloping over the Hills I furm you would have feel gay sprond even if I dit stay out at meals a little to long & even if you dit Hergers Crocery to late It is now 10 a clack in the Ere I and to day Regimental Officer of the day share to make the gran Rounds after 12 a clack & I would like to write to your all might or read your litters all might I by the by I do read them most all day when I and not on duty) but I have generall letters to write yet and do really think I am acting forhis in writing do much nonesence + to often. yes I think your can not complaint of me not writing enough, because they are often larghing at me for

home all the time Sand now cleaning \$ 120 per month that is doing putty well, consider ing the why times are, courd where to as for danger & fear it not and pust as well Satisfied that I am enjaged a glourn Cause & will com home with hours & glory all safe Around as & and of my Excelour fut give yound no measing better then I left it is leath spinit as well as plaining relations and a better main. While I write on one side of the table Chapman coules on the other a letter to the Republican I have a chance of leaving this letter by a young man from Allon who will give it to Batton an Valmer I enclose ten Dallas for you as soon as get my money & will sen you & chain to Chapman for one hundred Bollan & and glad the is solo, I will get the money the In pay day. Tell Hamlin that, his House and his letter pleased me to much that I felt as though I could

have time him one thaman times, it looked so much little a hig ston, everyberry asked me wether he was as beg us a many he must do as he sand in his letter, learn well the a good, very good bry, maybe a Pistol, Vell Laggie that & hur so very much pleased that she is such a good Suil, that I tell everybory that I have a regular, young tady daughter " the will get Something meer then a little nigged. Lett Miney to Key Papa chan reary for him the will be home to set in it pully Som . If Mr the Connichts in The thinks she can get him, by all means, smoke him " he will make a good Husband & is worth having Within first & if he is howalle you Can many hind, do to: dearno be happy sageable ting you use from your bed sheagthen et & heart tallways he happy to may never more a dreamy day as inpleasant vocume come acros your path of life, but may it he happy inter and the punchage of engrying it with you, be granted to your loving there

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all aque with me when I some home as to the improvement in Eacything Except my look, A & Cohn fermo to think ho pright to have \$ 40 at him how it as I shall bring money with we when I come how ..... Give my love to all I ain howing the man that tathes The money is going the Unicheth I will write again after I had fome perk of put sitend to walked to makes it same here all the time I thall with often hereafter, I as long as the ghay here I shall what Sout times a could liggin my typect Harabin, liggin Many will bee your acce Joon any ben soon indeed & the we will thank a good time for anhile. I will worke to morrow Writer to Mandalack

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 acquiesence 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 neccessity 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 Oncle 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 "Rickmeroos" 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 iloustrious 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.

My chance for getting to be Major is good providing we can get Colonel Buerstenbinder convicted of which we have no doubt; if we fail and he should return to Regiment, I will unconditionally resign and go home.

Col. Has not yet been arrested but the matters are in the hands of a military board and hope they may send him to h-l, for he is a scoundrel.

The box I have not yet rec'd. but you may safely bet on it that my mouth is watering for the contents allready I have sent a man for it to day & have no doubt but it will be here by to morrow & then O God, wont I pitch in? I should think I will.

As far as my debts are concerned in Millersburg I owe the Bank \$500 which I will send as soon as we are paid off & we are mustered for pay & the paymaster is expected daily. You must not give yourself any uneasiness about any of my affairs I am doing well & will be home "wool season" & stay at home for 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 such 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 Division Officer of the Field Ebright & myself 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 dit stay out at meals a little to long & even if you dit scold me a little when I was at Herzer Grocery to late.

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.

I am now clearning \$120 per month over all expences and I think that is doing pretty well, considering the way times are, every where & as far 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 existence. Just give yourself no uneasiness on my a/c I will be home better than 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 a Batton 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 one thousand times, it lookes so much like a big Son, everybody asked me wether he was as big as a man, he must do as he said in his letter, learn well & be 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 Mosey to keep Pap's chair ready for him, he will be home to set in it, "pretty soon". If Mr. MCCormick's intentions towards Lizzie are honorable & you & she thinks she can get him, by all means "smoke him" he will make a good Husband & is worth haveing, Elizabeth looks 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 never more 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 and true

Husband Marcus.

I send this morning:

\$320 to Enos, Brown Company to credit on my account. \$100 to Mrs. M. M. Spiegel of which I would like to have you pay B. Cohn \$30 and give Oncle Joseph as much as he wants. We only were paid till February. We will be paid again the 10th of May when I will be able to close out the most of my pressing old affairs and should I get the Majorship at \$200 per month I could in very few months fix it so I would have quite a nice little Capital to go on and do business and, with the Money Oncle Joseph could get in marrying, we could run the nicest institution in Millersburg.

I am very anxious my dear Wife to run a nice even business without any trouble and difficulty, without any pressure, without the necessity of blushing, without being compelled to go to a Beerhouse or anywhere else to keep up appearance, and without bowing my head to any one, but simply to devote my all, my ambition, my time and my strength to my 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.

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Woodstock Va

April 29/62

My dear sweet good wife

I just have an opportunity to send a few lines & only one moment to do it in as we accidently have a chance to send a letter, a chance that comes very seldom and I dit not learn of this until now.

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.