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Damp in the Field near City Forint Ver July 6/62 My dear good Wife, my beloved Children & Brother ! This is Sunday A. M. a beautifull but very hot morning and as a am competted to lay on my front in consequence of two monster big Boils " in the sear and having been forced last night to leave the field I miles from here and come down here near the landing among the sich, the cowards and the musauce Soldiers generally and as & have about seven among them out of my company, whom it Would jathed not talk to, I thought there is nothing in the world that Could give me more gratification than to tall' to you for autile & only stop at times when Henry Beegle fints on the plat seed "

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to dear out a fact was labor of the hartest kind it toold as bhows to walk 5 miles and we never got to on place of destination a place in the woods or rather swamp untill after 12 a clock at might, when all that reached that place though more than half land down wore and in the wind before we gat there , I gave way to sweet repose, where searcely their first dream had ceased long one was disagreably arran that wain was falling closen in tonents upon him and the blankets were gettace heavy theface day light we gut ap to fit and blankets as a third of shelter, when I got up I form out I was loying in 6 inches of water at bart, at & A. M we started though the mid & marched about 3 miles when we halted in a place not wor a day yout within a mile their we stayed with about an how before might when me marched in the Waads & stacked arms for the night but as we supposed, but any for amhilias it proved for scarcely had me tot down when an orderly came with a message, caller no Smiles ant in front af

the whole his of Gent, Keys any Corps and about 1/2 mile fearing the Every, through an allmost imparable swamp over fell fices and low other imaginable obstache it c arrived there at 12 r clock that might where we form the 62 0.1 Regt allready Stratched out the Col of the Regt informed our Col mi front was well pricketed. We laid down in the Inomp and at about 1/2 past 2 o click the pickets to om night fiel & weie fired upon, when instantly we were called into line primed and cocked on huns. I awasted the eveny, we stow there thus for about a half how when one after an other of the Bry laid down & fell asteep untill nearly all slept at about in part 3 v doell a lomp. of Bebell Cavalery of probably of us fried 2 home, thereby around to our fect they all find into ever maithly directed against Alanding as to B. we are at the Extreme left of the Regt, dit thank thad not get a counted in any and Billed

Camp in the Field near City Point Va. July 6/62

My dear good Wife, my beloved Children & Brother!

This is Sunday A.M. a beautifull but very hot morning and as I am compelled to lay on my front in consequence of two monster big "Boils" in the rear and having been forced last night to leave the field 5 miles from here and come down here near the landing among the sick, the cowards and the nuisance Soldiers generally and as I have about seven among them out of my company, whom I would rather not talk to, I thought there is nothing in the world that could give me more gratification than to "talk" to you for awhile & only stop at times when Henry Beegle puts on the "flax seed." I have written to you on board U.S.S. Herald and their given to you a short sketch of our Sea Voyage, accidents &c & I need only say to you now that we sailed that day from New Port News to a Landing called Harrisons Bar, where after much confusion and waiting &c we were hurried ashore at about 4 o'clock P.M. the 2nd inst. We marched up from the Landing on the James River some distance up a Hill when a beautiful mansion of old fashion structure presents itself to your view, which is the birth Place of old President Harrison & subsequent residence,24 a splendit place & surrounded by what was formerly undoubtedly a magnificent plantation, but now a desert covert with thousands of little "Huts".

Since I have written the above I recd an order to report to the Field at once as a Battle was impending. Sick & weary as I was, with 2 Boils about my Stern, the weather to a perfect fever heat, I started & came just in time to see our Pickets driven in by the Rebel Cavelery, whereupon we immediately started out, in line o Battle & they skedatled.

I will now as I lay upon my "belley" on the side of a hill in a rather unpleasant condition give you a short history of our adventures since we arrived here as members of the Grand Army of the Potomack.

As I said to you once before, we were landed at Harrisons Bar 4 miles from City Point and were put in a field of wheat of probably 100 acres which was just harvested & put on shocks and I am sorry to [say] in less than 5 min. all the heavy nice good sheaves of wheat were gone that is, taken up by the Boys who rested their weary limbs upon them, it seems hard, but 5000 men, weary, overheated, tired out men must have rest also & nothing seems to good for the poor boys.

but their is no rest for the wicked, scarcely had the boys got into nice snoose after cooking their tin of coffee & eating a hard cracker, when an order to march came and a march it was of 6 miles through the meanest, hardest most outrageous mud I ever saw, you can have no Idea, neither can I explain or give you an Idea, the ground is of soft stiff clay & every step we made we went in various distances from knee to waist to draw out a foot was labor of the hartest kind it took us 6 hours to walk 5 miles and we never got to our place of destination, a place in the woods or rather swamp untill after 12 o clock at night, when all that reached that place (though more than half laid down wore out in the mud before we got there), wrapped themselves in their blanket & gave way to sweet repose, when scarcely their first dream had ceased every one was disagreably aware that rain was falling down in torrents upon him and the blankets were getting heavy & before day light we got up to fix our blankets as a kind of shelter, when I got up I found out I was laying in 6 inches of water at least. At 8 A.M. we started through the mud & marched about 3 miles when we halted in a place, not a dry spot within a mile & their we stayed untill about an hour before night when we marched in the Woods & stacked Arms for the night as we supposed, but only for awhile as it proved for scarcely had we sat down when an orderly came with a message, calling us 5 miles out, in front of the whole line of Genl Keys Army Corps and about $1 \ 1/2$ mile from the Enemy, through an allmost impassable swamp over fellt [felled] Trees and every other imaginable obstacle we arrived there at 12 o clock that night where we found the 62 O. V. Regt allready stretched out the Col of the Regt informed our Col our front was well picketed. We laid down in the swamp and at about 1/2 past 2 o clock the

pickets to our right fired & were fired upon, when instantly we were called into line primed and cocked our Guns & awaited the enemy, we stood thus for about a half hour when one after an other of the Boys laid down & fell asleep untill nearly all slept. At about 1/2 past 3 o clock, a Comp. of Rebel Cavalery of probably I or 200 who quitely got in front of us fired 2 Guns, thereby arousing us when in the act of springing to our feet they all fired into our Regt, Killing 2, wounding 2 Lts & 8 men, their fire was however mainly directed against the right wing of the Regt, my Comp ranking as Co B. we are at the extreme left of the Regt. [We] dit thank God not get a wound nor any one killed.



July 7/62 but never in gads world det meen Mand up to the fearfull work any better than dit my noble Band that might, when most all the Elecially the right wing, owing to the pressed of the Energy, I ad-Vanced my Company of colar Column Bryonets fifed, though the days any guided by the flast of the Enemies time X and I think it uses one firing, that drove the Enerry & Send them Reting; the two hights Inbrequent we were on the advance Outposts when we had to fire & were fired he about Every ten mintes and in all fighting Minishing Shiproseel & where our hegy last from 25 to 30 med, I have home lifted or wounded, thanks God. But de are most all Wore out, the anofull heat & tuffering for 3 days we have had un A stinky and no sheep geept last night. Justerday me were relieved from the front Banks of the James fines an aufull big him but the water duit, I stinkly

I really fitty my bays in the Bottom of my heart, but get they are cheerfull & lively while I set her writing they Set around me in the best weather provor, they mostly worship me. The Doctor fust now opened my two boils and feel Easier. diving this hot weather & shall resign and come home. I would like to get the appointment of Colonel in one of the new Regto have see how and talk to him uge him to go to Columbars at ance I latte Harpine good men along. I you can not read my letter your must & once me as I had a hartteine Writing et., The mail fust came in hat bor no letter for me form You for which I feel day dony I am arofull any instructor from you about my org Ion Mambi. my dear Liggie my good horse dear mother on ale Joseph, Elizabeth & all of with Conto get a letter Every day' Wishe often and let me hear finning and led rep letter Jour low line Co. C. Gy & Mark. O.V loring Maithfuli Geny, Brigade Marcus, Any Potomaall

but never in gods world dit men stand up to the fearfull work any better than dit my noble Band that night, when most all the Regt gave way and more especially the right wing, owing to the pressure of the Enemy, I advanced my Company in solid Column, Bayonets fixed, through the dark only guided by the flash of the Enemies Guns & my Boys dit not fire untill we thought we were pretty close and I think it was our firing, that drove the Enemy & sent them kiting; the two nights subsequent we were on the advance Outposts, where we had to fire & were fired on about Every ten minutes and in all fighting, skirmishing, Shipwreck &c, where our Regt lost from 25 to 30 men, I have none killed or wounded, thank God. But we are most all wore out, the awful heat & suffering for 3 days we have had no rations and the water hot & stinky, and no sleep Except last night. Yesterday we were relieved from the front and taken back on the Banks of the James River an awfull big River, but the water dirty & stinky. I really pitty my boys in the Bottom of my heart, but yet they are cheerfull and lively while I set her writing they set around me in the best possible humor, they mostly worship me.

The Doctor just now opened my two boils and I feel Easier.

If we have much marching to do during this hot weather I shall resign and come home. I would like to get the appointment of Colonel in one of the new Regts. I have written to Cohn about it go and see him and talk to him urge him to go to Columbus at once & take 4 or five good men along.

If you can not read my letter you must excuse me as I had a hard time writing it. The mail just came in but brot no letter for me from you for which I feel very sory.

I am awfull anxious to hear from you about my big Son Hamlin my dear Lizzie, my good Mosey and sweet Hattie. About our dear mother, Oncle Joseph, Elizabeth & all Oh I wish I could get a letter every day. Write often and let me hear from you.

Address letter Your Ever true Co. C 67th Regt. O.V. loving & faithfull Ferrys Brigade Marcus

Genl Peck Division

Army Potomack

Via Washington

Camp in the Field neo Harifor Landing July 10/02 Ing dear dear Wige + children and Prote-if he is there get. Just bless your: I am well hearty cheerfull + in better spirit than I have been Inice of left home. We and still near the Landing but not in front of all the trongs, neither are care int a lost misserable smamp, but in what has been a thriring Confield 11 days ggo hat is now a Nast desert filled with little Carroas houses a domed with hime I wall tomakes which is of a more usefull than ornamental helping to make the little house more comfortable as against discomaged fince we are fue had soed lince we have been withdrawn from the lines in first, an unnoual amount of labor to perform, day and might they were at it, chopping al racher plashing trees, digging rifle Pitt, throwing up Entrecichand laborions & toilsome work

The fight H days of our stay here would and been searce fighting to do. daily, but fomehow of ather their would be free fighting not attack us, if they had attacked us & think we wonts have whipped them. you can possibly have no deleg of the asking of trees there has, been done fine We came here Sor 10 miles of a wild and pictures of forest has been leveled to the ground and the trees felled Every way minted No as to keep the Energy for against us. I think we have la position non which is inpregnable and the are phangthe ing it daily, to that & cauce to the conclusion not there will be no fight here, meicher will we advance untill after we get plenty of sein , it possible that one man gonto be do keloned by lo many thousands of men, as and is gent Mc Olellan, the Army of the Ortomas faily Idothiles, he can not show himself any where, but the for the young american Chrefta

I have again pritched my pread tent and Apread the fly pread abud prigo of prine on the gride Wohich makes it Very pleasant and pather agreate though the heat is anfull, spit if I have no particular blut to perform & and Keep my self evol get & this & daw Sweated Danels of meat-Anice & have blen here and lost much fleep, but price my boils and open, and an permitted to sleep at nights of fiel all night agents bol whis is quite inder the meather and do think if he does not get leave of abaca in Order that he may go home and recruit his health, he may be considered yone ", I do granted kind. I have written to Cohn Critchfield Vather. to attempt, to getting one a position of cal in anegof the Then Regiligents and I do hope he will be preceptull, since the war is going on and since I am in I sight as well B I think hugelf perfe

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Camp in the Field near

Harrison Landing July 10/62

My dear dear Wife & Children and Brother if he is there yet.

God bless you! I am well, hearty, cheerfull & in better spirit than I have been since I left home. We are still near the Landing but not in front of all the troops, neither are we in a low miserable swamp, but on a high Bank of the James River in what has been a thriving Cornfield 11 days ago, but is now a vast desert filled with little Canvas houses adorned with pine & oak Brushes which is of a more usefull than ornamental helping to make the little houses more comfortable as against the heat. I have been greatly discouraged since we are here owing to the fact that my boys had, even since we have been withdrawn from the lines in front, an unusual ammount of labor to perform, day and night they were at it, chopping or rather slashing trees, digging rifle Pitts, throwing up entrenchments and doing various kinds of laborious & toilsome work. The first 4 days of our stay here it looked as though we would have severe fighting to do daily, but somehow or other they would not

attack us, if they had attacked us, I think we would have whipped them. You can possibly have no Idea of the slashing of trees there has been done since we came here 8 or 10 miles of a wild and picturesq forest has been leveled to the ground and the trees felled every way mixed so as to keep the enemy from using any Artillery & Cavelery against us. I think we have a position now which is impregnable and we are strengthening it daily, so that I came to the conclusion there will be no fight here, neither will we advance untill after we get plenty of reinforcement. I never thought it possible that one man could be so beloved by so many thousands of men, as is Genl McClellan, the Army of the Potomac fairly Idolizes, he can not show himself any wheres, but the air rings with cheers and huzza for the Young American Chieftain.

I have again pitched my tent and spread the fly spread in front and tall limbs of oak and sprigs of pine on the side which makes it Very pleasant and rather agreeable though the heat is awfull, yet if I have no particular duty to perform I can keep myself cool, Yet I think I have sweated Barrels of sweat since I have been here and lost much sleep, but since my boils are open, and I am permitted to sleep at nights I feel all right again. Col Voris is quite under the weather and I do think if he does not get leave of absence in Order that he may go home and recruit his health, he may be considered "gone". I do sincerely hope leave will be granted him. I have written to Cohn Critchfield & others to attempt, to getting me a position of Col in one of the new Regiments and I do hope he will be successful, since the War is going on and since I am in, I might as well be a little higher inasmuch as I think myself perfectly adequate for the position.

The Balloons are up every clear day and from them McClellan gets information as to the position of the Enemy. I think McClellan is a splendid General, all the Croakers may say to the contrary notwithstanding.

I think it very strange that I have not recd a word from home yet and hope Yea believe I may get one soon, announcing to me the cheerfull tidings that all is well. I would love to see you all again and more especially my dear little Hattie to see how much she has grown & how sweet she looks, does my dear Minnie talk of his "papa" does Lizze go to School yet? Is she a good girl? Does Hamlin get the most Head Marks? Does he know yet that if he gets the most he will get \$5. How is Elizabeth? Is Brother Joseph with you yet? How dit the Wool season end? All this questions answer me. Keep cool & in good heart and all will be well. Hoping soon to hear from you & probably see you I remain. Ever your true

Marcus

Co. C. 67th O.V.

Ferry's Brigade

Keys Army Corps

Army Potomac

Via Washington D.C.



July 11/02 Janding Va Myderi, dear good Wife The mail has a gain been distributed, but no letter for mile, no can Solving word from my dea. dear Wife, no astrance of the cost being of my dweet angels as home, no repetition of their innocen Paper, in short no doed which would wear away the gloom of an aufull many day It is 5 days now since our daily mail

Comenced and at Every annal have I, with the greatest antiety awaited the time of distribution of the mail, but alas, I had to baca it dis > appointed daily Were all well and hearly I could feel perfectly Eary good sweet wife I left you my love, my jog my all the mother of my four beloved Children, one Traly two weeks del orm Storest Prabe, your scarcely able to stand up Canedow and sad at the departure of your true hasbared

troubled as I know you was and subject to those dangerous reserves tillely to fall our a lomais in child abed and then this of use away from home in blace for their long Weathe and over and not a coord frace your may Sail grant that all i right If I hear years quer that all is right I shall feel perfectly Easy, un have ather decent Jummed. guarder and not likely to have any trouble shortly as the have a show position . I will say no mare Lag Lad an heavenly batter Ever

Ever bless you and an beloved ance is the wish of Jour Eau tind You may duct your Co C Gy & May D.C. Ferry Brigade Manipour Landing

July 11/62

Harrison Landing Va.

My dear, dear good Wife!

The mail has again been distributed, but no letter for me, no consoling words from my dear dear Wife, no assurance of the well being of my sweet angels at home, no repetition of their innocent baddlings about their Papa, in short no word which would wear away the gloom of an awfull rainy day.

It is 5 days now since our daily mail commenced and at every arrival have I, with the greatest anxiety awaited the time of distribution of the mail, but alas I had to leave it disappointed daily.

If I only knew you were all well and hearty I could feel perfectly easy but think of it my good sweet wife, I left you my love, my joy, my all the mother of my four beloved children, one only two weeks old, our sweet Babe, you scarcely able to stand up, careworn and sad at the departure of your true husband troubled as I know you was and subject to those dangerous reverses likely to fall on a woman in childbed and then think of me away from home in War for three long weeks and over, and not a word from you, May God grant that all is right.

If I hear from you that all is right, I shall feel perfectly easy, we have rather decent Summer quarters and not likely to have any trouble shortly as we have a strong position.

I will say no more.

May God our heavenly father ever ever bless you and our beloved onse is the wish of

Your ever true

Marcus

You may direct your letter

Co C 67th Reg. O.V. Ferry's Brigade Army Potomack Harrisons Landing

Va.

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My dear, dear wife & children!

Again the mail bag brot the daily gladdening tiddings for every body but me, poor boy, just think of it. Dr. Ebright was here to day & is here yet & took dinner with me, we had boiled salt Beef, Potatoes, sliced onions dried apples stewed & opened a Bottle of your delicious "Catsup" which tasted splendit & in a manner satisfied me for not getting a letter, it being of your preparation.

the mail Bag waits, I must hurry

A K C I Ever your true Marcus

Harrifsons Landing Va Sunday July 13/62 My dear dear Wife & Children To monow it will be three everts since I left your all my believed once, in good health & mint as good spint as conto be Expected under the circomotorice. Ince that time, I have witten your pererally letters giving your Matements of the dif Dituations I was in as well as the condition of my health but as yet & have not receard a Solitany Word in retind . Inice we arrived at the. place I have written to far allmost daily and Waded daily with as much angiely

as any loving husband and father could watch for the uncertainties of the health of those left behind whom he all lovis A with a ferrow imequalled by few & supassed by nome. It my had are they are well? a ampthing oring? these are thoughts that accupy my mind throngh the day and hamt me when asleep at might. God only Know what Joy in auguist the uner to those question could produce. A your do not you can attribute the fame to many pearany Luch as marching, prettet quind Officer of the day, meanber of Comp martial te te hat when the mail, comes

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let me Know. I am wall Except a hail which is Very some & searchy dance for her ne head from them Anne: I am here, I have malle, no reason to feel dissatisfie) With my Ditration. my Ango are getting helter the result of my friend, attempt at home, to get me a better Prination. hope they may dieced Cher Join the Horning haven

Harrisons Landing Va.

Sunday July 13/62

My dear dear Wife & Children

Tomorrow it will be three weeks since I left you all my beloved onse, in good health & in as good spirit as could be expected under the circumstances. Since that time, I have written you severall letters giving you statements of the diff. situations I was in as well as the condition of my health but as yet I have not received a solitary word in return.

Since we arrived at this place I have written to you allmost daily and waited daily with as much anxiety as any loving husband and father could watch for the uncertainties of the health of those left behind whom he all loves with a fervour unequalled by few & surpassed by none. Oh my God are they are well? is anything wrong? these are thoughts that occupy my mind through the day and haunt me when asleep at night. God only know what joy or anguish the answer to those questions could produce. If you do not get letters from me regular you can attribute the same to many reasons, such as marching, picket, guard, officer of the day, member of court martial &c &c but when the mail, comes regular and many officers & men get their mail regular from home letters only 2 or 3 days old & none for me, it makes me sad, it makes me feel uneasy & unhappy. You might say there is no use to anticipate trouble or in other words, "sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof", yet a man that loves you as I do, a father whose heart beats with such undescribable love for his beloved Children as does mine, can not feel satisfied, with bare philosophy but wants facts, assurances, something to rely on.

If you are sick or weakly, write often words only. If any thing [is] the matter let me know.

I am well except a boil which is very sore & scarcely have I been relieved from them since I am here, I have really no reason to feel dissatisfied with my situation. My Boys are getting better.

Am anxiously awaiting the result of my friends attempt at home, to get me a better situation. hope they may succeed, in fact I know they will if they do their best.

Ever your true

& loving

Marcus

Camp in the Fickel near Haniform. Landing Va July 18/62 my dear dear good wife schildren I good north Tow mover in all my life was as deal to me as you are their morning, for I fust see? your long, good, clear letter of the 13 d which as mes me that your all are U.K. my bod what a weight that takes firm my mind, I feel your well, cheerfull & mi Excellent Spinsts I dit not really think their mar anything wrong get I wanted to have it in bleek & white figur Jusifik. I have not for the last I days mitten to you, all though of felt very much dis = apprinted when the mail was distributed and a dit not get and find no faulto auswer Every question in your letter to the best of my ability. 1ª & formed my boys very much dis heartined and had I stayed away one week longer, many of them. Would have desciled, but my amoal made it all right and many a fick one was will I hours after my anial and it is generally admitted, that no life man could receive a more fletter ing welconer, than I received

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many friends, I know if you will fush allound this you may soon have me Alground in June of the this Camp. Allynations and with accepted have under mi pretest only by fur motion and bauspen can you leave a neg or this lump. Engithing I tool from home I bot. here in good bider and you may pest assured it dit not come amiss, It Childs in a mistake togle both of the first Cakes and before & could seach him, he and the Boys Ear both of them he sends you his complements and best wiskes and thinks you and the greatest Morman in the world. The wine Hignor we have been drinking off the Ince I have get some 3 on of Rottles, but to marging begahr and make that it will not last long. The bitters was Excellent I wished fince I had all theter instead of Joss fine thanky te. The only aceid ent I had was with the longues A dried meat, when we left step andria for the Chesafrealle I tooll them all out tradered them to be packed in a Harresall & thought of using their when we arrived here, but when we ansaed at Newfrost Mours & Wanted to could a tongue Henry Adages in abore charge they were, told me

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Camp in the Field near Harrisons

Landing Va. July 18/62

My dear dear good wife & children! good mother,

my good Brother,

You never in all my life was as dear to me as you are this morning for I just recd your long, good, dear letter of the 13th which assures me that you all are O.K. My God what a weight that takes from my mind. I feel young, well, cheerfull & in excellent spirits.

I dit not really think there was anything wrong, yet I wanted to have it in black & white from you my love and from Brother Joseph. I have not for the last 5 days written to you, allthough I felt very much disappointed when the mail was distributed and I dit not get any news, but now I feel satisfied and find no faults.

I will first of all commence to answer every question in your letter to the best of my ability. 1st I found my boys very much disheartened and had I stayed away one week longer, many of them would have deserted, but my arrival made it all right and many a sick one was well 2 hours after my arrival and it is generally admitted, that no life man could receive a more flattering welcome, than I received.

You asked me how Mr. Cohn and I stood when I left him. I owed him not quite \$100 I send him \$200 from Fortress Monroe, which leaves him in our debt about \$100, if you want any money just get of him what you want do not (for my sake) suffer for anything but live as a good wife and mother should live happy and contented and have everything you wish. The money I drew in Washington I got two months pay from the Govt & not knowing where we might have to go I kept \$70 & sent \$200. We expect to receive pay soon when I will send home more and order what to do with all. As for my working myself out, I could not do [it] now, just at the time when the Country calls for 300,000 more men, but I think my friends might get me a better position in one of these new Regiments now forming. I want you to talk to them and keep talking to them, talk to Critchfield, Leadbetter & Cohn go and see Joss, if I could get in a new Regiment, I would take Charley Authenrieth along and make him Quarter Master. Many of the officers in the service get positions in the new Regts who are not as capable as myself nor have as many friends, I know if you will just attend this you may soon have me stationed in some of the Ohio Camps. Resignations are not accepted here under no pretext only by promotion and transfer can you leave a Regt or this Army. Everything I took from home I brot here in good Order and you may rest assured it dit not come amiss. Lt Childs in a mistake took both of the fruit cakes and before I could reach him, he and the Boys eat both of them he sends you his

compliments and best wishes and thinks you are the greatest woman in the world. The wines & liquors we have been drinking off ever since I have yet some 3 or 4 Bottles, but so many beg who are sick that it will not last long. The bitters was excellent. I wished since I had all Bitters instead of Joss's fine Brandy &c. The only accident I had was with the tongues & dried meat, when we left Alexandria for the Chesapeake I took them all out ordered them to be packed in a Havresack & thought of using them when we arrived here, but when we arrived at Newport News & I wanted to cook a tongue Henry Adams in whose charge they were, told me "<u>By God I forgot them</u>," a sad accident.

I do not know anymore about Col B[uerstenbinder] than I dit at home hope he is gone to the D--1. Of my boys 47 are with me, some 12 or 15 in the diff. Hospitals in and about Washington who will be sent here as soon as they get better. Our situation is really a romantic one on the Banks of the James River along the beach of which are hundreds of nice little fresh water Springs, the Country around here was when we came here densely wooded, but has since been leveled and entrenchments thrown up, rifle pits dug and every thing I believe has been done by Genl McClellan to make our position impregnable, the more so while we are right along side of such kind & friendly protectors as the Monitor, the Galena & twenty other such Monsters.

I have now I think given you an answer to every question in your letter and will therefore give you some generalities.

The late withdrawal or rather repulse of McClellan from before Richmond I look upon as a great disaster to the National cause, though at the same time it can not be denied

2nd Sheet

that the giant Retreat has been conducted by Genl McClellan in a manner which stamp[s] him at once the greatest as well as gallant, magnificent as well as Scientific General in the World he is truly a General, the Rebels were worsted at every engagement and their loss is immense in all probability 75,000 our loss from 15 to 20,000 yet they have the moral triumph of forcing our Army to retreat.

The weather here has been for the last 6 or 8 days allmost intolerably hot, perfectly suffocating, but for the last 3 nights we had the severest Thunderstorms and rains which I think Mrs. Southworth has so frequent & yet so truly discribed. Today it is windy and cloudy consequently not very hot. I would love for you to go to Akron to Battles and have him take you and our four childrens likeness on a Card like Mrs. Voris and her children were taken and send it to me. it would be I know an interesting, hansome as well as most welcome picture to me. But I do not want it unless you are as yourself, I know you would make a beautifull Photograph much better than Ambro or daguerreotype.

Could you not surprise me?

If I have to stay here much longer I wish you would buy me a good Gold Pen, one that would fit in my large black holder I had and took with me last fall from the Warehouse. Henry [Herzer] knows the size and he can best pick a pen for my taste tell him to pick one out for me, I forgot it when at home You can send it by mail. Our Regiment has about 100 sick here who have the Camp diareah but they are getting better as the get aclimated to the Country. Since I have been here I had 7 Boils around my dimentions which generally cover a chair when I set down but are all open & in good "running order". I had the awfullest sick headache for 2 days I ever had in my life, but now I feel all "bully" in health and spirit. Col Voris had a Certificate from the Surgeon stating that he should get a leave of absence in Order to save his life and yet he could not get away, so you see I got my leave just about the right time and I am sure I made tolerable good use of my 15 days leave of absence. I put in as many days as any one could in so short a time "bully for our side".

I do not look for an imediate advance on Richmond. I think McClellan will have to have Reinforcements and then probably await the cooperation of Burnside and Pope. Whenever Genl Mc Clellan shows himself to his troops his recd with the greatest testimonials of Joy, I ever witnessed in my life the air is ringing for miles with cheers, he is fairly worshipped his old army who were with him through the 7 days sanguinary Battles, look upon him as their deliverer from almost unavoidable ruin.

Our Brigadier Genl Ferry is very Gentlemanly but I am fearfull of his Capacity or desire to see the men comfortable, we have hundreds of men barefooded & bare a --- d & for the last ten days we have raised h--l daily & he has not yet succeeded in doing anything for us. Our Division Genl Peck I have only seen once a very nice looking man of good reputation. The Genl Comd our Corps d'Army Genl Keys I have not seen yet. He was to be here to day and inspect us but owing to the inclemency of the weather postponed it untill to morrow, he will find a nice looking crew. He is highly spoken off by everybody. I think I have written all that will be of any interest to you & close now, with the assurance that as long as we can have a chance I will write often. Our living for the last 5 days is awfull we can scarcely get anything but Coffee & Crackers & Crackers & Coffee sometimes the Crackers are fit to eat. The boys however fare better they get Beans, Rice & Meat, but the officers can not, there are no sutlers near. Some Lemons here sell at 25¢ a piece, oranges 25¢,

Cheese 50¢ per lb & not fit to eat, rotten Ginger Cakes 5¢ a piece. A good sutler could make a fortune in 3 days if he had the Goods.

May God bless you and my sweet children, Mother & brother Elizabeth, may happiness allways be yours lot is the prayer of your true & loving

Marcus

My love to Cohn & Family

Henry Herzer & Family & all friends

Tell Henry to write me all about the wood business everything.



Horidons Sanding Va July 20/62 Sunday det My dear this round The is Funday more no drill, no extra duty nothing but Company inspection which I will have as soon as I get this letter written Fince I have written to you on the 18 " in answer to your very Kund and sweet letter of the 13 the worthing of very great importance or notoriety has transpired, it flemes as usual that whenever the I get a long to Mual good letter from home fome thing will take place which invariants time out well. The afternoon of the 1st when your letter came, coe the Rey received Onders from Hd. & to be ready by 3 o clock P. M. to be plady by 3 o clock P. M. So ready, and where ordered to march Since & pelieve the 13 d chen y. U. who War on Pickets, & tell you the front of our times work dif from what they it dit when we left, it after A days hard tout In Muniching it the trees are all felled and our position leve is this field you will see that the Jumes Richt Contract any is protected by the games pier in the fear

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after cooking a Cup of Coffee A purking In film setting with 2 of my videtter in front untill about 11 o clock I laid down and had a mac refreshing teamfortable sleep uncouscing bland danged, it for happened that nothing disturbed on folk. that night, after Breakfast Orderly Wallick and myself made a Reconsitive in front for about a mile thought we discould Some Gebelo to got down by a hier opping inder an apple the and after refreshing auselves with Water we quitely marched back where the bays were laughing and anjuging themakes and where I form & De Pright who had come and all the way out to fee X wether I got any kens from home, he being allmost out of his head having received a few times by a Doldier who passed through Hudson, foris that fool Minor. T. Ames, stating that when he left Mellersburg, that Altring the Doctors bittle boy, was not expected to live another how and I have no doubt I shall find him dead when I come home at 4. P. M. .. The letter was dated the ge and the doctor had not heard from his folks since and I lell your my dear, that when I showed him in your letter of the 13? his lette boy was getting better, he felt litte a new

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Harrisons Landing Va.

July 20/62 Sunday A.M.

My dear Wife & family,

This is Sunday morn no drill, no extra duty, nothing but company inspection which I will have as soon as I get this letter written.

Since I have written to you on the 18th in answer to your very kind and sweet letter of the 13th, nothing of very great importance or notoriety has transpired, it seems as usual that whenever I get a long & real good letter from home, something will take place which invariably turns out well. The afternoon of the 18th when your letter came, we (the Regt) received Orders from Hd.Q to be ready by 3 o clock P.M. with one days rations & when so ready, we were ordered to march out about 2 miles in front of our lines & relieve the 83rd New Y. V. who were on Pickets. I tell you the front of our lines look diff. from what it dit when we left it after 4 days hard work in skirmishing &c. the trees are all felled and our position now is this:

(Pickets)

(Woods)

Ravine and Open field

Fortifications

Videttes Our Army Videttes

James River

Gunboats

Gunboats

You will see that the army is protected by the James River in the Rear Gunboats on each side to assist in a most telling manner against any attack and our Centre by heavy fortifications (and ditches) well mounted by heavy Artillery. You will see that the Pickets are stationed in an open field in front of a piece of Woods & a piece of Woods between them & the front of our lines, the Enemies Pickets are about one half mile distance. You will also see that should the enemy attack our Pickets, the policy would be to fall back in the Woods draw them on after us and then fall back in the open field in the imediate front of our lines of fortifications, fighting & drawing them on so as to get them to follow us in the open field when we could get shelter by our Artillery and open fire on the Enemy in such an awfull manner as to make it perfectly destructive to the Enemy having it so fixed at the same time that they could not see our Batteries until they would be on to them. Such were our instructions and of course such our intentions. I got charge with my Comp of the right flank Corner of the woods & a route I posted my Videttes on the dif. high places, made my Hd.Q & Reserve in the Woods, made a nice bed, fixed my Revolver and after

cooking a Cup of Coffee & smoking my pipe sitting with 2 of my videttes in front untill about 11 o clock I laid down and had a nice refreshing & comfortable sleep unconscience of any danger, it so happened that nothing disturbed our folks that night, after Breakfast Orderly Wallick and myself made a Reconoitre in front for about a mile thought we discovered some Rebels &c sat down by a nice Spring under an apple tree and after refreshing ourselves with Water, we quitely marched back where the boys were laughing and enjoying themselves and where I found Dr. Ebright who had come out all the way out to see wether I got any news from home, he being allmost out of his head having received a few lines by a Soldier who passed through Hudson, from that fool Minor T. Ames, stating that when he left Millersburg that Morning, the Doctors little boy, was not expected to live another hour and I have no doubt I shall find him dead when I come home at 4 P.M. The letter was dated the 8th and the doctor had not heard from his folks since and I tell you my dear, that when I showed him in your letter of the 13th his little boy was getting better, he felt like a new man. In the afternoon we were relieved and back to our camp without the slightest accident or trophy.

Orders are now for officers to have no trunks, men to carry every thing on their backs, and every indications go to show a forward movement of some kind is in contemplation, We had the same Orders last week but as yet no movement, I shall most likely send my trunk and all my things home by Express. Lt. Chapman has been relieved from the Q.M. ship & has rejoined his Company. Lt. Childs is somewhat under the weather and excused from duty. Leroy G. Osborn, M. J. Lemon, B. Middough, Peter Leiser, Geo. Relley, Isaac J. Miller are sick here, all but the 1st & last named are "Gesht" & allways sick about fighting or duty time. I am first rate again, as good as new in fact, since I got your letter. I suppose Oncle Joseph & mother are gone & you feel lonesome, but keep up, by Fall I will be home and if once at home shall stay at home with you my dear & with my good Hamlin, Lizzie, Mosey, & Hattie superintend their raising & education & will endeavor to amend in a manner to repay you my love partly for the many unpleasant hours & days I have caused you, by showing you the undivided, unflinching and unyielding love of your ever true

Marcus

Would I not like to see my little Hattie though? Eh?

and 57 th O. V. July 23/02 My dear wife & good Children! allthough I have three times aknowledged receipt of your Very dear and third letter of the 13 " yet as I have not see? and Innice I might as well tell you again that in the above of any other letter from you, I read this I bod of times daily. I am King well and really nothing to complain of, I feel much better every day mothing but a little , to few letters flow home" ails me. The boys are generally improving Except Peter Leiser, Beng. Middough, See Shelley & Finth Limmon who are Meshofas who I will discharge Hend home

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Camp 67th O.V. July 23/62

My dear wife & good children!

Allthough I have three times acknowledged reciept of your very dear and kind letter of the 13th yet I have not recd any since I might as well tell you again that in the absence of any other letter from you, I read this 3 or 4 times daily.

I am very well and really nothing to complain of, I feel much better every day & nothing but a little "to few letters from home" ails me. The boys are generally improving except Peter Leiser, Benj. Middough, Geo. Skelley & Pink Lemmon who are meshofas who I will discharge & send home as also Leroy Osborn who is getting quite weekly. Severall of the other boys are sick among them Isaac J. Miller one of the 3 brothers who is very sick. You must not say anything about the first ones what I said to you, as of of course I want them to come home and give a good account of their Capt. We are as far as the Officers are concerned in comparatively good times, I am Officer of the day, to day again, if only I could get a letter from home once a day or every 2 days I would feel bully or if the other arrangement could be accomplished I could of course feel better still, as it would give me a chance to come home besides being promoted which would be a rather nice thing. The walking in this hot weather is about the only thing I tread, this however I can do to if necessary but I rather not.

As for the fighting I feel perfectly easy, I think good God will protect me, when we had that attack of the Rebels the other night and the firing was the hotest, I really felt no more fear than I would at home. I to day wrote to Miss Amandah Albin returning that very pretty letter of Introduction she gave me, which I forgot to deliver for which I feel sorry as her brother in law is a man of great influence in Washington. I would like to see the Holmes Co. Farmer which had my letter from Washington in, I understand the Republicans do not like it, am very sorry, as I dit not intend saying anything to which any good man can take exceptions. I wish you would put up a Farmer & a Republican put 2 penny Postage Stamps on & send it to me. We get no Papers from home.

Urge Cohn to act for me if he can not get a Col. ship maybe Lt. Col. or Major though my chance for Major would not be bad if only Buerstenbinder was disposed, but if nothing better I will try and stand it till Fall anyhow if I keep as well as I am now. Tell Hamlin Lizzie & Mosey to be good children and kiss Hattie my little dove for me give my love to Elizabeth and if perchance Brother Joseph should be in Millersburg yet tell him I love him still.

Ever your true & loving

Marcus

Damp 67 t. U. S. July 24 My sweet dear Wife my lovely Children in so In what little time & have to day I would only Day I rece your good letter written when you had the blues a little on the 17 & part on the 18th. It was happy undeed to hear You were all edel thory to hear Manden aligues Scalet from in Milleuting I tremble Every time get a letter for fear some of My dear children any be soll

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Camp 67th O.V. July 24 [1862]

My sweet dear Wife my lovely Children!

In what little time I have to day I would only say I recd your good letter written when you had <u>the blues a little</u> on the 17 & part on the 18th. I was happy indeed to hear you were all well & sorry to hear Hamlin & Lizzie were unwell. Since the Scarlet fever is in Millersburg I tremble every time [I] get a letter for fear some of my dear children may be sick. Your letter was as your letters always are a messenger of peace & happiness. God grant you will ever be permitted to be a messenger of happy intelligence to me.

I am to day "Field Officer of the day" and just retd from an Excursion of visiting the pickets & outposts. Everything is quite in front of our line as a Sunday morning in Millersburg. I feel real good & am of late very contented with my situation more so than I have been for Mos [months]. If I only had about 30 more men in my Comp I would consider myself happy. I dit for awhile think I might maybe sing in some of those new Regts as Col or so, but such is not the case. Ohio puts those in who have enjoyed the quietude of a winter behind their stoves with their families, instead of those who have stood the hardships of a mountain Campayne, but I do think now that I will not leave the Service untill I have advanced a step or two at all events.

Dr. Ebright feels very unhappy about his boy. He can not hear him, I was to see him yesterday and spent all day with him, had most a splendid Dinner he is 2 miles from here and he is a friend of mine indeed. Of my boys 13 are unfitt for duty Diareah & fever. I feel as well as ever I dit, thank God, Do not think will advance for 3 or 4 weeks at least. I must go out good bye, may God bless you and my darlings all, is the prayers of

> Your ever true SH A R C_{Marcus} E S

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Sunday Morning [July] 27/62

Adress all your letters

Co. C 67th O.V. Ferry's Brigade Pecks Division Keyes Army Corps Army Potomac

My dear and much beloved Wife & Children,

I do not know that I ever felt any better since I am in the Army than I do this A.M. Though I got up at 5 o clock with somewhat of a head ache which after eating my hart crackers and coffee I slept away again; the reason why I feel good are two fold, the 1st and most important of all, the general refregator of my feelings, was your good and kind letter of Sunday last announcing the good health of you and our dear ones, the 2nd reason is, that I yesterday, gained the greatest Victory in a military point of view, I ever expected to gain which I will now relate to you and tho it may seem trifling to you, to me it gave as much satisfaction as though I would have received a military promotion.

Yesterday morning we recd Orders to get our Companies ready for inspection, Review and Brigade Drill to appear outside of the Fortifications before Brig Genl Ferry and Actg Major Genl Peck.

After considerable swearing and confusion at 8 A.M. we marched out in front of our Streets, formed line-o-Battle & when so formed the acting Adjt. Lt Brock, came and told me that I was in command of the Regt as Maj. Bond and Senior Capt. Commager were both sick, that this piece of intelligence confused me, is scarcely necessary to state here, but when I tell you that I felt nervous and scared I am not exaggerating had I known the fact before, I think quite likely I should have been sick but here I was, & could not get out of it. I send the Adjt over to Brig. Genl Ferry begging of him to excuse our Regt. under the Circumstances but, "no go" I labored between hope and fear, but would have been willing to sell out at a very, very low figure. We started and as we arrived at Brigade Hd. Quarters The Adjutant Genl told me I must get a horse. I send back and got Col Voris's Horse (of course you know ere this the Col is home on leave) and I think as soon as I was mounted I felt "better"

We arrived safely at the place designated where several Regiments were allready drawn up in line and in a little while I got my Regt formed on the proper place and in good shape which gave me some encouragement. Sometime after that the Brigadier & Major Genls arrived and were recd in proper manner when they got the troops ready for inspection and review which passed off all right. After that the Comders of Regts were ordered to appear before Genl Peck, who recd them very kindly and informed them that he intented to go through a series of Brigade Drill. I do not believe I felt as gay as I have felt previous to that time frequently, in the first place Genl Peck through some source or other had the name of being very cross and fierce in the 2nd place neither our Regt nor myself ever dit or saw any drill of the kind before however I started having however by this time wore off a great deal of my fear and excitement and I was perfectly cool. I do not intend particularizing the dif. evolutions and military maneuvering we went through, as I could not if I would, neither would they be interesting if I could, but suffice it to say, that I passed through all of them "without giving one solitary wrong command" and without one mistake made by my Regiment in the 4 hours drill. Myself and Regiment were complimented by the General four times publicly during the drill and since it is over I recd the universall comment by both officers and men of our Regt in the most flattering terms, even Buerstenbinders friends to a man. I tell you it makes me feel good, and yet I not dare say so to anybody else but you as it would feel like blowing, but you my love

will rejoice with me. I gave every command loud, long and plain and the men acted with an alacrity not often shown in our Regt. I am still in Command and if I shall stay so for some time I will have chance to learn something. You have never said anything in regard to our fearfull night attack, dit you never get my letter giving you a discription of it? We are having comparatively speaken easy times, go on Picket once a week and the boys get on guard about twice a week. I get on as regimental officer of the day once a week, Brigade Officer of the day about once a week. ICAN JEWISH

Our camp regulations are as follows: Reveille at 5 A.M. Sick Call at 6 A.M. Breakfast Call at 6:30 A.M. Guardmounting at 7 A.M. Company Drill at 7:30 A.M. Recall from drill at 9:30 A.M. Company Inspection at 10 A.M. Orderly Call at 11 A.M. Dinner Call at 12 P.M. 5 ½ P.M. Battalion Drill untill 7 and at 7 Dress Parade. 7:30 Supper Call. Tattoo and Roll Call 9 P.M. Taps 9:30 from the above regulations which are very strictly kept, You will see that we have something to do all along except between the hours of 10 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. during which time, "Dinner" is the only labor performed, we are having about a dozen Springs dug along the River Banks which gives us good Water except during the "flooding of the tide" at which time we can get no water fit to drink as it overflows our Springs, but it does not stay in long enough to cause any inconvenience to us. Our "grubb" is as variagated in kind as it is in the time. Sometimes we have Potatoes, Onions, Tomatoes, Pickles, fresh Beef, Ham, Cheese, Ginger Cake, Pickled Beef & pork, soft & hard Bread, Corn Meal and flour of which we make Slap Jacks, Corn Cakes & mush while at other times and very frequently we have nothing but Salt Pork, Beans Rice hard Crackers & Coffee.

My appetite has been for a week past exceedingly vicious perfectly unmanageble at meal times which I attribute to my excellent state of health and if I hear frequently from home I know of nothing to dampen my spirits or make me feel otherwise but happy.

Col. Voris will no doubt call on you, if so he can tell you all about me and if you could send me your Photograph and that of the children on one Card I would be as happy as folks generally are do so, you have no Idea what a hansome Photograph you would make.

My boys are getting much better. I have however still nine on the sick list here with me. I learn Geo. Weigand [Weigam] came home discharged. I am truly sorry for that as I am afraid it will raise a Stampede among my Germans, who will shortly all get sick and all want furloughs or discharges. I think in two or three days we will get 2 mos [months] pay again, if so will send home.

Our usual affairs in Camp are so regular that if you give a discription once you have it at all times. Yet I write to you my dear so that you may have something to read such as would be of interest to you would unquestionably seem perfectly "stale" to an outsider. Col Voris has gone home with the intention not to return unless he gets matters satisfactorily adjusted for the Regt. I do sincerely hope he may be successfull. As thinks now look I do not apprehend there will be a forward movement for some time unless it would be 8 or 10 miles up the river on Malvern Hill.

The days here are exceedingly hot but the nights pleasant and refreshing so that there is no difficulty in sleeping but should we be compelled to march much in day time, I think it would be "rather unpleasant"

I this week saw the young chieftain McClellan in Company with the Veterans Heintzelman & Sumner whose Army Corps he reviewed. The Genl as well as Review was truly a rare sight, the Former a noble looking specimen of humanity The latter a success of military science. I have not seen but one citizen and that one of the femal persuasion, since I came here, she I presume the wife of some officer. The Country bears the marks of a Settlement of Aristocracy, where the masses are led by the inmates of a few grand mansions.

Tell Hamlin that he shall have his \$5 anyhow, even if he dit not get most head marks as he was "sacking Wool" but he must be a good boy and mind his "Ma" Lizzie must have \$3 or \$5 which ever you think she deserves and also according to her promises of future good conduct.

Mosey must be a good boy at the table, else papa will put him in the parlor all day when he comes home. Hattie our dear "Pet" you must train as you would have her & all I can do for the present is the promise of my cordial assistance when I get home.

I wished I would know for certain wether Oncle Josey is in Mbg yet I would like to write him a long letter. I only ask you to keep in good spirit & bear all like a good true patriotic woman and with the help of God all will be right. Give my love to Cohn & family & all friends.

> Truly your friend and loving Marcus

Camp in the Field on the Banks of the fame find was Handpens The dear Siched Brother friends any thep of you meiched can it he at in commication with, that I have The command but owing to the force of cuentances and the many Changes eve had to undergo. the celebrated Manapes & had Dearcily field the willow of my note boys, and diskibuted the letters I had for them from their friends at home when ander came, get ready to more " and for the first time dit in provide from the Walley to France from thener to Manafres a disk and of 550 miles inside of y inalls unging Monach, puraching without show that the prints of their Mondy first was life on thread They have been in part fined they got a chance to ride in

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Camp in the Field on the Banks

of the James River near Harissons

Landing Va July 27 1862

My dear Sister Brother & friends!

Not that I have thought any the less of you neither can it be attributed to any lack of desire of keeping up communication with, that I have not written to you since I returned to my command but owing to the force of circumstances and the many changes we had to undergo.

I found my command at the celebrated Manasses & had scarcely recd the welcome of my noble boys and distributed the letters I had for them from their friends at home when orders came "get ready to move" and for the first time dit our poor boys after marching under Genl Shields from the Valley to Fredericksburg & from thence to the Valley & from there to the Rappahanock from thence to Manasses a distance of 550 miles inside of 4 weeks in rain and shine fighting with hungry stomachs & marching without shoes that the prints of their bloody feet was left on the road for the first time in fact since they have been in service, that they got a chance to ride in the Cars.

We passed over the famous Bull Run to Alexandria where the "boys had a chance to the see the stairs where the gallant Col Ellsworth breathed his last, after stopping over night in Alexandria we were embarked in old rotten Govt Transport for the Fortress Monroe & the James River. On our way to Fortress Monroe the Barge Deleware where 7 Comps of our Regt were embarked wrecked and we had several killed and 7 seriously wounded.

I was with mine and two other Comps on the U.S.S. Herald and in the night we picked the poor boys on the old Barge up & transferred them to our Sh after they had lost every thing most in Clothing which allthough a month hence has not been refunded to them & most of them are nearly naked yet.

At Fortress Monroe we stopped 4 hours when we proceeded up the Chesepeake & in the James on our Way we passed the Rip Raps, Newport News the wrecks of the ill fated Ships Cumberland & Congress so gallantly but vainly defended against the late Monster "Merrimack".

We arrived here & the 2nd night we were put in the advance of all the forces & during the night or rather a little before day we were attacked by a band of Rebel Cavelery. We had 2 killed & 8 wounded, fortunately not 1 of my Company, it would have made you laugh to see me sword in hand and in my stocking feet encourage & commanding my boys just as I jumped off my bed of solid "earth" and I might as well here say the most fearfull of all War a night attack is the most horrid.

Since that time nothing of any note has transpired, the regular routine of guard, picket, fatigue duty, Regimental

Brigade and Division Officer of the day has been all except Comp & Regimental inspection, except Yesterday to me a memorable day. Our Col has been since the 23 of March under arrest, and not with the Regt our Lt. Col 4 days ago got leave of absence for 20 days & left, our Major and senior Capt. are sick and yesterday at 7 A.M. we recd Orders to appear for Inspection, Review and Brigade Drill before the Acting Major Genl of the Division, Genl Peck.

I endeavored to get excused for the Regt as the command fell on me being 2nd senior Capt. in the Regt but no go, tremblingly I mounted the Horse commenced getting the Regt ready, told the boys I wanted them to do as well as they could & assist me

After a march of 3 miles we arrived at the place designated and formed in line with the Regiments who had allready been there as soon as the other Regiments came, Inspection & Review commenced which I got along with as well as any other Colonel, then the Genl called all the Commanders of Regt together & told them he was agoing to give us a thorough Brigade Drill, which he dit Evolutions & maneuverings I never nor my Regt ever saw before, but the Genl explained every movement was before he commenced it and the consequences of all was that the Genl complimented me three diferent times publicly and my Regiment twice, I gave the command plain loud & distinct. The boys were elated & gave me 3 cheers & speak in the highest terms of me, officers as well as men, it was indeed, a triumph for me. I am as hearty as a buck could eat plenty of nice & fine "victuals" if I only had them. "Hard Crackers, pickled meat & coffee is our lot, the only thing I am afraid of, is that I wear off my teeth on the Crackers & folks will take me for an old horse. In a few days will write you a letter about the location, Generals &c.



Aug 27 - 1862 My body and good Wife ! Identy nine ye Intenty nine years Saraha a ago you ward ushered into excitence and by an allover' provedence and a Kind parent, paised & bronght and to fill your predestinated function for that, thanks, thanks to the bear by father of the envirence . I have to day and written to you and said nothing about this thinking it might make your lad , but I can not let the day fiaso and for my sale and those whom we pointly tone wich all the arden + Cundar Jea fixeeness, be fagfule when of your mind that the good

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My lovely and good Wife!

Twenty nine years ago you were ushered into existence and by an Allwise providence and a kind parent, raised & brought up to fill your predestinated function "as my wife, my joy and comfort" for that, thanks, thanks to the heavenly father of the universe. I have to day once written to you and said nothing about this, thinking it might make you sad, but I can not let the day pass, and for my sake and those whom we jointly love with all the ardour & candor, yea fierceness, be joyfull when you get this and just make up your mind that the good Father above, will protect us and many, many will be the hours of joy and comfort for us yet.

I have written you so much in mine of this A.M. & written so many other letters that I will close this. May God protect you and the children & grant us happy days after our unhappy and distracted country may safely be rescued from the vile hands of traitors and Rebels a work for which I am willing to fight, so that my children may enjoy, as we dit, previous to the breaking out of this accursed Rebellion, "a happy and united Country" God grant that enough strong arms and willing hearts may be found in the loyal States to do this.

Ever your true

Marcus

July 29/62 my dead Wife! We an still at the all place and I am still well and hearty. but I have not ree a letter from you Since the and you whole the 17 " -What made me Efalt do much in my last has france proden racher bouther Some Met pleasant. Having hear por Inceptul at the Acound Suspection te, made the Major put me in formidable command of the kg. and I have distled the yey? twice since on our own una grown and to day I had them out on División Duill When stely Major Hent Peell drilled as again and I must Jay of anything, my aforts

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My dear Wife!

We are still at the old place and I am still well and hearty, but I have not recd a letter from you since the one you wrote the 17th.

What made me exult so much in my last has since proven rather burthensome yet pleasant. Having been so successful at the Review Inspection &c, made the Major put me in formidable command of the Rgt and I have drilled the Regt twice since on our own Parade ground and to day I had them out on Division Drill where Actg Major Genl Peck drilled us again and I must say if anything, my efforts have been crowned with more success than ever, but it is hard work. Lt Chapman is in Command of the Company and I of the Regt.

The boys of the regt are awfully pleased with their "new Col" as they call me and if I must tell the truth, I must say that I am astonished at myself to see me go through with battalion Drill & the general routine of Comdg a Regt.

I have nothing new to say to you only we have been getting cabbage & Potatoes and if we only would get soft Bread we would get along bully.

We get Ice every day which enables us to make Ice cool Lemonade &c.

The mail leaves I am your ever true God Bless the children Marcus