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My dear Wife and Children!

I have this day received your very kind and loving letter of the 28th just at a time when I finished reading yours of the 27th received yesterday for the 4th or 5th time. It is truly a comfort and happiness for me to read your good letters wether they be written in times when your spirits are gay and festive like or whether they are in the neighborhood of old Mr. Gero all the same so far as the real value to me is concerned, they are characteristic of you my dear and speak generally just as you true and pure. I am glad your thumb is well again and hope nothing more serious will follow and also hope that your feeling chilly and feverish has not had any unpleasant affects upon our dear sweet little Hattie "as it generally does upon the babies."

As far as myself is concerned I am well and I believe I can truly say never was I better, I am regular and feel in every way like a "gay boy" and when as in the last week or so I get a letter once a day or so then I would not change position with anybody ever Dr. Atchinson. The news received in your kind letter of the 27th announcing the death of Dr. Ebrights little son, is dreadful. Oh how I pity the Doctor. I do not know whether he knows it yet or not; I am fearful

of seeing him. It will be perfectly "crushing" to him, the more so, since he has been encouraged to hope for better news. Such news to a father is dreadful. He has made every effort to get away for 20 days and had his paper passed all the way through, up to the fountainhead where it failed. - Poor Doctor, good fellow. I pity him in my heart. -

I am still in Command of the Regiment and have plenty to do, but I am pleased to say that I feel perfectly able to perform the task. The boys of the Regiment to a man are perfectly jubilant; they all call me Colonel and when I tell them I am not Colonel, they invariably say, "I wish to God, you were." It makes my boys feel proud of me; when I ride along the front of the Regiment and give a command, it is obeyed with a will that does ones heart good. As to my not feeling disappointed for not getting a Colonelcy in Ohio, you may rest perfectly easy. You know I am none of the kind that feels easy disappointed, besides my chances are very fair here for promotion. Yet if I have to leave the service a Captain, it is no "disgrace" and none of my children need ever be ashamed of [it].

I am sorry to say that Henry Biegle is sick with fever.

He occupies my tent and I sleep under a fly. Henry Adams,

Chapman and myself attend him and the Doctor comes to see him

3 or 4 times a day. He was taken sick very suddenly 4 days

ago, is however doing much better this morning. No Soldier or even Officer ever fared better while sick in the field than he does. I have no doubt he will shortly get well. He is cheerful. I will keep you posted. I received a very kind and encouraging letter from Sister Martha of Michigan, as pleasant a letter as I ever read from her, without a word of complaint in it. She says if she had 10 Husbands she would send them all to War and asks me if she is not liberal. I will answer her to day and send you her letter. Send Martha a Paper of the 17th with my letter of Ship Wreck in.

We have been "so to say" under Arms for 4 days as we expected an attack and I must say I felt as though my day of glory was coming, being permitted to lead the Regiment in Battle. I just think I could have done it up in Style, having had the Regiment on Dress parade, Drill, Review and Inspection, Brigade and Division Drill. I thought inasmuch as I had been successful in all the former, I might have made a decided strike for myself in regard of my ability as a soldier as well as my willingness, if I could have been per-mitted to lead the Regiment into the field of Battle, and never dit the probability seem more likely, than night before last, when aroused from sleep by terrible cannonading which at first seemed as though it were immediately to our left and when we first awoke as though our whole line was attacked and what is so

fearfull "a night attack". I jumped up and dressed, sword, pistols and all, which I done in a hurry and started out. When I came out I at once saw that the firing which by this time was perfectly furious was to our right and a great part of it on the Rebel side of the River, who were throwing hot shot and shells over on our side but in a very short time our "Gunboats" and heavy "Siege Guns" were brought to bear and in a few minutes the conflict was fierce as well as grand, horrible as well as perfectly inspiring, [to] us who stood on the high bluffs on the River side where we could see every flash just before we could hear the whizzing and ringing sound through the air of every cannon fired.

This engagement in all its element of fierceness and splendour lasted for about one hour, when it slowly grew less and finally ceased, but ere it ceased we received Orders to "fall in" and I got my Regiment out in perfect Order in Line-o-Battle and ready in a very short time and without be-ing the least excited but after staying in line a little while I ordered my men to "stack Arms" and lay down, keeping their accoutrements on. After the Cannonading ceased, I laid down "in full dress", Sword and Pistol as well as spurs, ready to jump on the Horse which Jacob Grassely had saddled for me but almost satisfied before I laid down we have nothing to do, as I had made up my mind by that time, that it was nothing but an

attack of the Rebels, who calculated to destroy our Transports which were laying on the lower landing but found that our Gunboats and Siege Guns were too much for them. We had one man killed in a Massachusetts Regiment and one man in a Pennsylvania Regiment and 7 wounded. Several of the vessels had a few Balls through them, none seriously damaged.

Major Bond is getting better and I think he will soon take charge of the Regiment. Our "Grubb " is getting better. The weather is awful, but I stand it all well.

With my love to Elizabeth, of her I have not heard anything lately, and Gods blessing to the children, you and all, I am your true

Marcus.

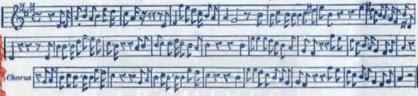
Tell Hamlin he must be a very good boy and learn to work in the warehouse so I can take him for a clerk.

I have written a letter to the Farmer. My shipwreck letter is very much admired in the Regiment.

Sumday they of 1862 My dear and much befored wife . My sweet children! Only gesterday durch you so long a letter that I he Jume it will take you I days to preed it as the weather is so hot and the letter ruther dull I thendel not wonder but sky thing well be right in you will have a good steel over it. This morning I now. a few lines from your Enclosed in a letter from friend bohn, though Short get falect. Un how egs de received whice from the classificationent

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FRIEND ... of our UNION, true to our NATION-And loving the Brave, the Loyal, and Free; With Patriot's strong, strong veneration, For our legal rights and "POWERS THAT BE;" Of our dear UNION, preserved all shall be. Whose MANDATES now call-"HEROES ASSEMBLE", Our LAWS, OFFICERS and CONSTITUTION Secession's rebellion, fiend-like appears :-

Treason shall tremble, we'll not dissemble. Being for our Country true Volunteers.

FOR OUR PREE LAWS and the CONSTITUTION We have enlisted, and THEM we will save, If ir annuls the whole "institution" That will oppress MAN and make HIM a slave. FREEDOM TO MANKIND, be on our Ensign-Our fore-father's standard now we will rear;

THEIR WORK and DESIGN I'll ne'er see decline. Or COUNTRY Want, for one Volunteer.

DEARLY We cherish the DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, that made us all free-And Articles of Confederation Shall ALL be OBEYED, RESPECTED and FEARED.

All rebellion shall make RESTITUTION, For my Country's good-I have Volunteered.

We're not affrighted by any Nation That will support treason, slaving mankind; Old Briton may join Southern secession, For blood and oppression to be combined. The lion and snake may bruise our black heel, Their heads we will meet and mash without fears

Our Eagle shall fly with our Flag in the sky, Or we will all DIE true VOLUNTEERS.

With peaceful abodes, now a vastation, By recreant sons-illigitimate birth, Yea! born out of FREEDOM-bound to a slave, Where there is oppression, black and severe,-

Treason, rebellion-Lord ! I'll die to save My Country, for UNION I'm a VOLUNTERR.

COUNTRY, my COUNTRY, HOME, beloved NATION! My beloved ...... in strong communion Birth-place of FREEDOM, and pride of the EARTH, With friends, dearest friends at home, and like you My hand is supported, defending our Union, This sweet month of June, Eighteen-sixty-two, At Virginia, battling for the Freedom-For which FATHER's bled-and to us made dear;

> The spirit of seventy-six I'll resume To live, or die your ..... a VOLUNTEER.

By James P. Henroy.

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My dear and much beloved Wife
My sweet children!

Only yesterday I wrote you so long a letter that I presume it will take you 3 days to read it as the weather is so hot and the letters rather dull and I should not wonder but every thing will be right and you will have a good sleep over it.

This morning I recd. a few lines from you enclosed is letter from friend Cohn, though short yet sweet.

An hour ago we received notice from the War Department announcing the fact that "Colonel Otto Buerstenbinder has been dismissed from the service of the United States by Order of the President. This I will look upon as good news as soon as I learn Voris is appointed Colonel, to which the Toledo Folks are making all effort and demonstrations to defeat. Voris once Colonel and I think Everything in due time will be right.

I am well. Henry Biegle feels slightly better this morning.

Ever your true & affectionate Marcus

My love to the children & Elizabeth
Major comdg Regt again

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The duties of Gl & commanding a frequent are by the time as familias to me as Command ing boompany and it is not then times through the day, here Cap Speige was and, lever to This morning & also nover, when I sot down whom the grand to lat my dominer + Buellast my her and cating cold boiled Totatas Dalf & Crackers wheel tasted as good to me, as Even france Egg cooked by your mother, of the I dea of thinking, and if my bay worts all at once gust appear how & on the what exactly The pay and an ofrenchy and amongly dit & think of et that I heally sow you stared before one laughney. I presume if you wanted fare seen and que and age to day, you in smal a forter Yan world have the weddie day of a year instead of and

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My dear dear Wife! and Children

Instead of being as I presumed yesterday in the midst of hot
Battle amid the cracking of Musketry, Clanging of Sword and
Bayonet, Roaring of Cannon, we are quietly and peaceably laying in
front of our Breast Work mounted by as we call them "our Pets",

12 monster 64 Pounder Siege Guns patiently awaiting the approach of
the Enemy who may probably attack us, as he may think us weak, a
great part of our force having been taken to Malvern Hill and other
places. If the Enemy attack us here, we will give them fits.

I am still in command of the Regiment, our Major taking suddenly ill at the approach of Battle. The duties of Colonel and commanding a Regiment are by this time as familiar to me as commanding Company and it is not ten times through the day, but I hear them say, "I wish to God Captain Spiegel was our Colonel" and so forth.

This morning and also noon, when I sat down upon the ground to eat my dinner and Breakfast, my legs crossed, eating cold boiled Potatoes, Salt and Crackers which tasted as good to me, as even poached eggs cooked by your mother, I had to laugh when I thought of the Idea of thinking, now if my Cary would all at once just appear here and see it, what would she say? and so strongly and amusingly dit I think of it that I really saw you stand before me laughing. I presume if you would have seen me 9

years ago to day, in such a posture you would have the wedding put off a year instead of one day. Yes my love to morrow we will be married 9 years and thank God as far as I know we feel as one yet. If ever you saw a minute during the past 9 years that you felt sorry for that act, you have experienced more than ever I have. But I am sure if ever you had such moments they were few and far between.

Do you know that there is not another woman so good and so kind and so much appreciated and beloved in the World as you are? I feel to day, as though I had been recreant to my duties when I left you so long, but as the unhappy war was commenced and my country needed my service I think I owed it to you my love and to our four good children to lent a helping hand.

Let us by to morrow sunrise renew our obligations of love and duty; let us though separated in person be united in thought to love and cherish, please and protect each other.

I can not write a very long letter but I thought I had better say a few words as perchance an opportunity offered itself for pencil and Paper and to send to Camp. I get your letters regular and they make me happy and fit for duty. Voris is not yet back. I do not know what success he had. I am satisfied if I live I will be all right. As soon as I can get off honorably, I will resign but I would not like to have the report spread any. Henry Biegel I left pretty sick in care of Henry Adams; most likely he will have to go to the Hospital and be sent North. I hope to god he will get well; he is a good and noble Boy and a faithful standby to me.

Someone in the Regiment received a letter stating that the Military Committee of Cleveland had recommended me to a Lieutenant Colonelship in one of the new Regiments to be raised in Cleveland. I do not believe anything of it as I do not know who in the Committee of Cleveland knows me and also if there was anything of it I should have heard of it.

My dear son Hamlin must continue to work and be good and noble son, mind his ma and be a big boy and little man while his father is gone. My little or rather big daughter Lizzie must be a little Lady and nurse her little sister. She must not rest herself too much; that looks too Lazy and I would not like it.

Mosey I hope will get as many "doosberry" as he can eat and be a good boy. Our Pet I hope will grow and be as good as she is lovely.

When one has established his Householding so well as to have four good sound and lovely children in 9 years he need not be ashamed.

Goodbye my love; god bless and protect you and the children is the wish of your true and ever loving

Marcus

My love to Elizabeth and all.

We had a grand victory at Malvern Hill yesterday, 3 miles from here; took 600 Prisoners, drove the Rebels and killed and wounded many, took 6 pieces of Artillery. We had a good many killed and wounded, none of mine.

Marrison Janding I'm Aug The My dead good Wife to Children! I have ale expertunity to send a letter by my friend Leroy. G. Show who with Mo. J. Lemmon and Wir Johnston have been discharged from Jervice for dissability. Leroy Can tell your all about me and as I do not Know what he will say I must asid you to let me kum. Of do not feel very bright to day having laid out for the days two mights and nivertheles we have to go this afternoon on out host Strely again, I do homere believe that Di Westfall and my. July are the two healthiest men in the Regiment, dean not say Towered that the least thing in the world ails me dam hail, duty, Hack and indeed Loudey

I just cought the first one since I am in the service the whole Clemy is in the same Fix. I presume Col. Vois Will be back in a few days and Cam really sony he Can not bring your frechines I operciete with much gratific cations that our Hodernment is awake to the digns of the times and appreciates the & magnitule of its adversary and the its attempt in the right way, to bring this war to a snecepfull A speedy termination by calling out 600000 ment & Commencing to draft, that will bring out Jone of those conders, who could bet at home vidicule Everybody & to cowardly to go thetinselves, they will have to go as Conscripts glory Eurough for one day. Techaps they may see fit to appoint me as bol

in a new Mega This is the anniversary of ow , Medding day " & I wrote you a long letter yesterday in pencil writing about it, I want take hack a word Dearlyes buday, God bless your, it was hot mine years ago, but to day is anofull, the securing Hays, of a meridian dem are darking down in all their enten-Jely. Then it is aufull if It was not for that devous not care, Still of an pidning Every day Amer & am in Command. Hothing has happened here Ince gester day in a military finit I do not think we will Lave any Jighting here Very Wow get we may. Ust Leavy anything you whish, he aught to Brown anything you wish

I amphody desires to come in my lompany let them came and, if a good fellow will do the best we can for them. Have do the patriotice Ladie stand it? Hamlin con find out of Lerny about his fra. tell him if I get a field Office I may come home to get me a large, & then he can side it airlike you must gross lively and me your protein as of love as for can ful have set my "dutok head " sito when anne finnly eplanted. I sent sleepy and tired with much love to Legger Mony and Matter as well as Elizabeth I am ao Ener Jon time Harring

My dear good Wife and children!

I have an opportunity to send a letter by my friend Leroy G. Osborn who with M. J. Lemmon and Wm. Jonston have been discharged from service for disability. Leroy can tell you all about me and as I do not know what he will say I must ask you to let me know. I do not feel very bright to day, having laid out for two days and two nights and nevertheless we have to go this afternoon on outpost duty again. I do however believe that Dr. Westfall and myself are the two healthiest men in the Regiment; I can not say however that the least thing in the world ails me. I am hail, dirty, black and indeed "Lousy". I just caught the first one since I am in the service; the whole Army is in the same fix. I presume Colonel Voris will be back in a few days and I am really sorry he can not bring your pictures.

I perceive with much gratification that our Government is awake to the signs of the times and appreciates the magnitude of its adversary and its attempt in the right way, to bring this war to a successful and speedy termination by calling out 600,000 men and

commencing to draft. That will bring out some of those cowards, who set at home [and] ridicule everybody and too cowardly to go themselves. They will have to go as "conscripts", glory enough for one day. Perhaps they may see fit to appoint me as Colonel in a new Regiment.

This is the anniversary of our "Wedding Day" and I wrote you a long letter yesterday in "pencil writing" about it. I wont take back a word I said yesterday; God bless you. It was "hot" nine years ago, but to day is awful; the scourging Rays, of a meridian Sun, are darting down in all their intensity. Phew it is awful. If it was not for that, I would not care; still I am riding every day since I am in command.

Nothing has happened here since yesterday in a military point. I do not think we will have any fighting here very soon, yet we may. Ask Leroy anything you wish; he ought to know anything you wish. If anybody desires to come in my company, let them come on; if a good fellow will do the best we can for them. How do the patriotic Ladies stand it?

Hamlin can find out of Leroy about his pa. Tell him if I get a field Office I may come to get me a horse and then he can ride it awhile.

You must positively send me your picture as soon as you can, for I have set my head for it and you know how my "dutch

head" sits when once firmly planted.

I am sleepy and tired with much love to Lizzie

Mosey and Hattie as well as Elizabeth I am as ever

Your true and loving

Marcus



Head Duarters by the Reg the Aug 1962 My dead good Wife Children Your sweet letter of the 3 el inst' in accorded to mine of the 27 th of July in which you anounce everything at from it good style and the pleasure felt by yourny friends Cohn & Herger over my success at my first appearance as a Commanded for tend of the byd was handed me gesterday while on Out Post Dervice, Since the 7th we horder been doing. I have written to you a good many letters prince that time one of which I send by Luny who imagnestroughly ere this has seen your and give you a history of everything Me are most within two

miles of malder Hill, which is again in procession of the Eccent, On Wingale is doing Ont Post duty for the army. Yent Very, Ool Osborn of the 39 4 All. Ool Firster of the 13th and but Offeele of the 62 and Ohin and myelf made a recognisione up the lines and the diff Vontes yesterday with my ned feeld Glass which I bot since I am in Command & Could plainly see the Evenies line camps & We heard their place the druins as plainly as one nightoning longades. I went delighted with Everything and it pust decens to me as though Everything was delighted with me, never line I have been in the Service lare I felt as well as do nord. I will wow give your

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Dump, den 3 days rations and Started tafter a ledrois night march of 3 horn united here as 120 cloch where we have been Ever mice & after telling your that after being called in line under arms 3 ary limes a a day of that often at night, by false alaren or som where else and the ugular conting of the rations week addition of quen Com, Whoudleberries, black knies, green Upple & Teach Same all of which is in in abundance here and I declare the bags mathe good use in mathered some We had beach sauce " for dunies which was fine. It Effect Vais home soon, but I do not Effect any promotion as Mafar Band Hapt Camager are my Orpherios (union)

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To day I det not get a letter from your Intel hope all is right. At mights when I lay down & look at the clear beautifull heron I thenth of you my dear goal wife & of my dear Children. Jan O wights I have not had my punto, Books and flereres of Ever ready and if we could only Heep in day hime in apposition to the millions of office, we would be bully. Yine my love to all the Whildren, Cahn Harring Hegy Yourly Elizabeth & all Even from true storing Marca We have the weest thing coolest Water, right by over freeing Cacafe I wed Just and Cartest

My dear good Wife and Children!

Your sweet letter of the 3rd instant in answer to mine of the 27th of July in which you announce everything at home in good style and the pleasure felt by you and my friends Cohn and Herzer over my success at my first appearance as "Commander pro tern" of the 67th was handed me yesterday while on Out Post service which since the 7th we have been doing. MERICAN JEWISH

I have written to you a good many letters since that time, one of which I send by Leroy who unquestionably ere this has seen you and give you a history of everything.

We are now within two miles of Malvern Hill, which is again in possession of the enemy.

Our Brigade is doing Out Post duty for the Army.

General Ferry, Colonel Osborn of the 39th Illinois,
Colonel Forster of the 13th Indiana, Colonel Steel of the
62nd Ohio and myself made a recognoisence up the lines and
the different Routes yesterday. With my new field Glass,
which I bot since I am in Command, I could plainly see the
Enemies line and camps and we heard them play the drums as
plainly as our neighboring Brigades. I am delighted with
everything and it just seems to me as though everything was

delighted with me. Never since I have been in the service have I felt as well as I do now. I will now give you a short sketch of what happened since I last wrote to you. In it I think I said we had Orders to go on "picket" after coming from the entrenchments in the morning.

We started out at precisely 2 P.M. through the boiling hot sun and after marching four miles, the men wore out and overheated, we had a chance to rest and go to the woods to cool off. After my men had cooled off I got them to form line, detached my picket Posts and got the remainder of the Regiment to stack Arms and lay down in the shade. Scarcely had they done so when the enclosed Order [not found] came, calling us back as you will perceive.

I congregated my men, got them in line and started through the sun again, arrived at camp, drew 3 days rations and started, and after a tedious night march of 3 hours, arrived here at 12 o'clock where we have been ever since and after telling you that, after being called in line under Arms 3 or 4 times a day and that often at night, by false alarm or something else, and the regular cooking of the rations with addition of green corn, whordleberries, black berries, green apple and peach sauce, all of which is in an abundance here and I declare the boys make good use in making sauce. We had "Peach sauce" for dinner which was fine. I expect Voris home soon, but I do not

expect any promotion as Major Bond and Captain Commager are my superiors (Seniors) though neither of them worth a d--n. I expect there will be some big demonstrations made by the Officers and men of this Regiment in my behalf and I shall let them go, doing nothing for or against.

I had a mighty good letter from New York and one from Chicago within the last 3 days. Answered New York and will Chicago. Strange why Moses Joseph does not write to me. It is so awful hot here that during the day everybody seeks shade. My boys, one from each Company of the Regiment, fixed me up a very nice House from fence Rail and Bushes which is very comfortable and nice-only there is so many officers laying around. To day I dit not get a letter from you but I hope all is right.

At nights when I lay down and look at the clear beautiful moon, I think of you my dear good wife and of my dear children. In 6 nights I have not had my pants, Boots or Spurs off, ever ready, and if we could only sleep in day time in opposition to the millions of flies, we would be bully.

Give my love to all the children, Cohn and family, Herzer and Family, Elizabeth and all.

Ever your true and loving
Marcus

We have the nicest spring and coolest water, right by our Camp I ever saw or tasted.

Inf Post grand Guard near Walker Held way 15, 62 My dear dear Wife tehntier Your good street letter, of the 8 5 10 ever handed me here and they were toown West our hunds & a cheriful heart. I should have writer to gove bu this but at this place when to only temperanty we have with Int for a ferrer and or was only by chance that I got paper errorge to say to you that I acce well and hearty as well as I ever was I had to send 94 men from our Regiment to the year Hospirial though there is but bur dangerously with among their. Henry Bugle was arming Chew, I had word from hours this morning saying he was getting along frist rate. I was relieved of the Gommand Justerday moon by look Vois when brought the good news of your well being the same time that dighty were Charachteristic better of him, you have drawer a life little Protune of the Col. He is a good man but not mak as your would fanny, not much heart, made up of throw, yelland

Shirt and ambition. Merecheless he theirthes there is nobody like himself, but after all he think as well of me as he ever can thisk of any body He will do all for me he can, in short, you may lest as well, no matter what he enay how duid as done about mi. I am most cerough to handle him just as I want to and the time of and frethy some will come Very shortly probably in four an six weeks I ain all well and in excellent spirits, of eat from 4 to 6 Ears of Com three times a day and and is as good spirits as & can be & I Kurn that there is not a Set of Company officers in white service who live more agreable shave more good than those of Evmp. C. colaterer any body may eary to the Contrary with it atauding Joen now actury Lieut Col. and I do wert Expertered to return to the Evapany, though one does not Kron.

Trues to more insensibles

My dear, dear Wife and Children,

Your good sweet letters of the 8 & 10 were handed me here and they were received with open hands and a cheerfull heart.

I should have written to you ere this but at this place which is only temporarily we have neither Ink pen or Pencil and it was only by chance that I got paper enough to say to you that I am well and hearty as well as I ever was, I had to send 94 men from our Regiment to the General Hospital, though there is but one dangerously sick among them. Henry Biegle was among them; I had word from him this morning saying he was getting along first rate.

I was relieved of the Command yesterday morn by Colonel Voris who brought the good news of your well being [at] the same time that I got your characteristic letter of him. You have drawn a life like Picture of the Colonel. He is a good man but not such as you would fancy; not much heart; made up of Bone, yellow skin and ambition. Nevertheless he thinks there is nobody like himself, but after all he thinks as well of me as he ever can think of anybody. He will do all for me he can. In short, you may rest assured, no matter what he may have said or done about me, I am smart enough to handle him just as I want to and the time I am pretty sure will come

very shortly, probably in four or six weeks.

I am all well and in excellent spirits. I eat from 4 to 6 Ears of Corn three times a day and am in as good spirits as I can be and I know that there is not a set of Company officers in active service who live more agreeable and have more sport than those of Company C whatever anybody may say to the contrary notwithstanding. I am now acting Lieutenant Colonel and I do not expect ever to return to the Company, though one does not know.

Orders to move immediately

Good bye, God

bless you

Marcus

Damp read York town stug zeloz my dear dear Wife! My sweet Children! There Striker " Endored cume to have this et Mo and I should have set Meles and the north you for the very appropriated freder the morning had it not been for the fact that I was dethilled air a Feneral Court Martial which deto from g tell 12 and also for air order received to make out 3 Muster yollo, which made it necessary for It Chamman Herterly to locary my table. I consequently ale the Adjonnment of Court Month Potatoe & Bacon prepared by my own hands, Started with Di Heafall I etdentand Brook in the County Some thee miles, a ride which the Very much enjoyed, masmuch he me, flickton Bonne "with We many good direct Ocaro and Could get into and Harwaell I ably wisked you had any Handsall full as home! I'll bet you could enjuy them, they are truly delicions

Time I have written the other Page !! Lave read your sweet letter twice, attented dress Parade, Est a Very por Supper of shory Bacon, tacked and laugher my tend untill it was as full as it could hold, deed them off and called at Col Viniblead boring him and the etdputand. and furt wan returned assuming the My pleasant and aquable diety I Writing to your my live. give your the good news that I am hearty & will and as cheefull as any man and more do then must of men in the Army, all though have & tiles an me I am the left Corned of my Frankead do fromments and Conspicions that Gen Buy to tell me to day, Dapt Suige dat the Home of yours in getting dangerans I am the right by about the Honce one Detrocca and Biteviped aplace that how bleet me very much. in selling in the Sattle for the last I think it is there this dos Keep we well and hearty. and I see that I clave not stop much at thele disserpteur, as I yenre friending this letter This locuing by my candle bolds and

and have on this inquestionably Theard of the remodel of the gration the James Hire, which has se gad been key Incomfully and Aplenditly managed by Men 1916 Cleblan and after I days march We arrived an the Joel Spice, the place yesterday and minhe discription of Country, cher necy Le if it were not for the fact, that I Will to month wishe a letter got the freeze Either gar the Gleveland Plain Vealer which in Either Case your can see. On this march I have been and am get acting Leent Oal which is and advantage inasome ao it gives me a House and Lefer me firm marching through the impendiable dest and gives me a chance to vide sometimes under thate unkead of the Hot Sun, besides Laring the finitelege of a Field Officer Such as " carrying my hig Thess Chest while time officers can any get transportation for a domail velus written to you that they loath us take what they call Wetchtend a little feely thing & hery small

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July day in well, the first man for a week, I wan thrown town.

Chicago & ane from Minion town.

from Morres all is well, Josephin. last, auretter Chile. It Cal. 120ml and Majar Commaged are both diese, the two logether would not make a decent ald Lady, the former a licentions and demitten libertine whom finningille amenting is drinking a with for day, the hatter a very fine Sent termen Hebanne but sported in the making, he is inquestionably related to anyt Minah of Chicago. A dead intented not to give your any more appetermitie, Every thing pleasing to me is gratify, to you, I must relate a little 3 Seteralete which took place This morning between this Lewant. What I was dressed in full uniform this morning for Court Madeal

Ool lover asked me to go to Ald Duarters to banach some Bussmep, he wat henry dressed and passing hadly, he Came up and passed by the Gent, Tent in the act of calling an ex-Tent Very quendly and asked me to dit down and lack awhile Unoug alted though he lacked of the mark Coming to. I talet him I fud stime bothing of mathing applied cations to the God of their far a asked him what he thought about it; Auswer. Not any Capt friegel I want you to leave the matter of your promotion in my hands, will attend to you, a recommendation for your promotion with an enguet Solicitation of myself and Major Sen! Peck has allready heer Send to the Man department and I have no doubt it will Come all light as soon, as it Can possibly be unded, your Regiment can not space you. I had a personal tall with Gent Veel about your and he thinks you a glebutet Officer. Ouring as it does from a Comedicant Semeral, of high tone, who cauly Ever speaks

mon than answering questions as giving Command to any are get promoted such high praise grown a man like General Day is hourd Eurngh for me. However a Petition will go to mount signed by Every Officer in the Mez ment to The Sovernor asking him to Just me in lead Bondoplese I do not know how non a li Effect it will have, much care and and well, sout and hearty and mean todo my duty and live you the Confort and the funiess of my beloved ones at home. I dend dome money to Cohn Sometime aga Skape he has received et Ere Chr. I will in a few days while you all about it. I d am treed to might to a close . I hope Lerny las given you all the Latis faction you manted of him, I do not respectfully me as I kare Ever heen a freend to himse think him a very good boy. He is however to wearly and faminine for the Leivice It will be two months shortly Ince I left your and if I could see you if any far an hour and my dear thildren I thinklist would be Inch a treat, I Gad I am treading This Court Martial it will be a tedion. July I understand we have a Cal, Major & Leveral Captan it was aren, let is mint to hat to set in a close tent Stoudder, however a Soldier has a great deal to do but must fort shirts. received his hoke just as on sharted on, a march, tell him I have a very And and Smart forcel mare who he may how if I can get it home it is only a fitty the was Kicked an the march and I am ofeard the will loose her Eye, it is a very had Kecit. Ing love to my sweet Liggie Morsey of Hattie they went he good Children when Agit home they will all get a ride. My Respect slove to Elizaber Coler Hamily & H Herzer of amily to all french. Lad bless you all It Chapman may start in a day a two for Millershing recruiting helfex him to get many recruits

My dear dear Wife! My sweet Children!

Yours of the 12th with the "Terror Strikes" enclosed came to hand this A.M. and I should have set myself answering your good and kind letter and thanking you for the very appropriated present this morning had it not been for the fact that I was detailed on a General Court Martial which sets from 9 to 12 and also for an Order received to make out 3 Muster Rolls, which made it necessary for Lieutenant Chapman and Orderly to occupy my table. I consequently after the Adjournment of Court Martial and after partaking of a dinner of fried Potatoes and Bacon prepared by my own hands, started with Dr. Westfall and Adjutand Brock in the Country some three miles, a ride which we very much enjoyed inasmuch as we "flickt our Bounce" with as many good sweet Pears and brot home as many as we could get into our Havresack. I only wished you had my Havresackfull at home. I'll bet you could enjoy them; they are truly delicious. Since I have written the other Page, I have read your sweet letter twice, attended dress Parade, eat a very poor supper of strong Bacon, talked and laughed with the Officers who congregated in my tent untill it was as full as it could hold, seen them off and called at Colonel Voris tent, boring him and the Adjutand, and just now returned, assuming the very pleasant and

agreeable duty of writing to you my love.

Well in the first place let me give you the good news that I am hearty and well and as cheerful as any man and more so than most of men in the Army, although I have 5 Biles [boils] on me; 1 on the left corner of my Forehead so prominent and conspicuous that General Ferry told me to day, Captain Spiegel that Horn of yours is getting dangerous; 1 on the right leg above the knee, 2 on left below the knee, and one Between and Betwixed a place that troubled me very much in sitting in the sattle for the last week; yet I am getting so that I think it is these Biles that keep me well and hearty.

It is now eleven o'clock and I see that I dare not stop much at Bile description, as I propose finishing this letter this Evening if my Candle holds out.

You have ere this unquestionably heard of the removal of the Grand Army of the Potomac from the James River, which has so far been very successfully and splenditly managed by General McClellan and after 5 days march we arrived on the York River, this place yesterday. I would give you a historic and minute description of Country, Scenery and so forth if it were not for the fact, that I will tomorrow write a letter for the press, either for the Farmer or the Cleveland Plain Dealer, which in either Case you can see.

On this march I have been and am yet acting Lieutenant

Colonel which is an advantage inasmuch as it gives me a

Horse and saves me from marching through the impenetrable

dust and gives me a chance to ride sometimes under shade

instead of the Hot Sun, besides having the privileges of a

Field Officer such as carrying my big Mess Chest while line

Officers can only get transportation for a small valise.

I do not know that I have written to you that they took our comfortable Wall tents and made us take what they call Wetch [wedge] tents, a little peeky thing and very small, hot and close, but subsequently they took our wetch Tents and only give us what they call Shelter Tents, 2 square pieces of white drilling about 2 yard square, which is hung over a pole put on a fork on each end, leaving two ends open. Entrance Captains, Lieutenant and men all alike; the only difference that officers get one apiece and men two to a tent, but the Field Officers get a nice large Wall Tent and Fly for each. The consequence of it is that I now have a larger and better Tent than I ever had all alone, for you know that I have not been in command of my Company for a month, though I am with the boys dayly.

Chapman and I board together still. I have however

Henry Adams sleep with me in my tent. He is such a good boy

but very negligent and forgetful. I am afraid I have to have

another Boy, as he can not take care of a Horse and

oneselves.

Should I get promoted I would very much like Henry
Biegle back as he seems to know my notions best and is careful
and sparsam [frugal].

When we left the Peninsula, that is the James River, none knew where we were going to and at present no one knows how long we are going to stay here.

Today we received the first mail for a week. I received one from Chicago and one from Uniontown from Moses. All is well; Josephine lost another child.

Lieutenant Colonel Bond and Major Commager are both sick; the two together would not make a <u>decent old lady</u>: the former a <u>licentious and drunken libertine</u> whose principal avocation is drinking a[nd] wh--g, until he gets too weak for duty; the latter a very fine Gentleman originally cut out for a <u>Hebamme</u> [midwife] but spoiled in the making; he is unquestionably related to Aunt Minah of Chicago. I had intended not to give you any more opportunities for untimely expectations for my promotions, yet as I know everything pleasing to me is gratifying to you, I must relate a little Tete-a-tete which took place this morning between Brigadier General Ferry and your humble servant.

When I was dressed in full uniform this morning for Court Martial, Colonel Voris asked me to go to the Head Quarters to

transact some Business. He not being dressed and raining badly, he dit not feel like dressing. As I came up and passed by the Generals Tent in the act of calling on the adjutant general, he called me in his Tent very friendly and asked me to sit down and talk awhile. Among other things he talked of the mail coming and so forth. I told him I had some notion of making applications to the Governor of Ohio for a position in a new Regiment and asked him what he thought about it, "Answer Not my Captain Spiegel; I want you to leave the matter of your promotion in my hands; I will attend to you. A recommendation for your promotion with an urgent solicitation of myself and Major General Peck has already been sent to the War Department and I have no doubt it will come all right, as soon as it can possibly be reached. Your Regiment can not spare you. I had a personal talk with General Peck about you and he thinks you a splendit officer.["]

Ain't that bully and coming as it does from a

Connecticut General of high tone, who scarcely ever speaks

more than answering questions or giving command to any one.

I don't care if I never get promoted; such high praise from a

man like General Ferry is honor enough for me. However a

Petition will go to morrow signed by every officer in this

Regiment to the Governor asking him to put me in Colonel

Bonds place. I do not know how much effect it will have, nor

do I care. I am well, stout and hearty and mean to do my duty and live for the comfort and happiness of my beloved ones at home.

I sent some money to Cohn sometime ago, and hope he has received it ere this. I will in a few days write you all about it.

I am tired to night and must soon get my letter to a close.

I hope Leroy has given you all the satisfaction you wanted of him, I do not think Leroy will speak disrespectfull of me as I have ever been a friend to him and think him a very good boy.

He is however weakly and feminine for the service.

It will be two months shortly since I left you and If I could see you only for an hour and my dear children I think it would be such a treat O God.

I am dreading this court Martial it will be a tedious job,
I understand we have a COL. Major and several Captains and
Lieut. To try I wished it was over, it is most to hot to sit in
a close tent steadily however a soldier has a great deal to do
but must not shrink.

My love to my good son Hamlin I received his not just as we started on a march, tell him I have a very kind and smart sorrel mare who will have a Colt in the Spring which he may have if I can get it home. It is only a pitty she was kicked on the march and I am afraid she will loose her eye, it is a very hard kick.

My love to my sweet Lizzie, mosey and Hattie they must be good children where I get home they will all get a ride. My respects and love to Elizabeth Cohen and family and H. Herzer and family and all friends. God bless you all

Good night

Marcus

Lt. Chapman may start in a day or 2 for Millersburg recruiting, help him to get many recruits.



Mampton Goods 3 - dry 26/62 200 My dear firely wife! I demint the heart of healt and of buly ever Could get a mail here which we have not had for a week we wonte get along In uneningly you hate unquestionals ento can tell you are wish to Kenn O hope he may beforecessfull in getting Volunteces? the law under Order to proceed to day Och mornoe & from

thence to dix antono for Inffact, where I think we will umain in gampan ex Inch is the case and the place And to me \* I can get form I shall Send for you and the debe Chillen I have withing her at all the place Hampton where are are now is burned to the summer, the lower was ynrhably the drie of Allen Herry the I ruino it shows they the Amilden when of the latest and most improved Style as well as Ven

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My dear and lovely Wife!

I am in the best of health and if only we could get a mail here which we have not had for a week we would get along winningly,

You have unquestionably ere this seen Chap who can tell you all about me, you may wish to know, I hope he may be successful in getting volunteers.

We are under Order to proceed to day to Ft. Monroe and from thence to embark for Suffolk, where I think we will remain in garrison if such is the case and the place suits me and I can get Room. I shall send for you and the dear children.

I have nothing new at all. The place Hampton where we are now is burned to the ground, the town was probably the size of Akron and from the ruins it shows the Buildings were of the latest and most improved style as well as being very large.

The last letter I recd from you was written the 12 or  $13^{\rm th}$ , I have no doubt you have written many since but they are afloat as soon as they come they will I doubt not bring "Simcha"

God Bless you and the dear children.

Ever yours

Marcus.

I am still acting Lt. Col. orderly Wallick is in command of the Company.

Vamp near Mamplin 1 a. Mydear belived and good Wife! To day coo rece the quet mail for ginte acohile 4, you may be some it brought me Heis when I tell you two Incet letter from your, one form cher fork and there from my boys who have gone to the dif Hospirtale oming which is one from Henry Biegle From A g who days he is getting along Ginely. Your good letter deen to me Patternfting to conseal a great deal of trouble and cely and can typing to conceal. This wort and be my good wife, you must not fint yourself to any unnecessary hand letter your whole me on a certain Omnday which I have not get received, not does it make chart of you govit. I think it wond have been worth \$500 at least had I left the Joseph weten fort

Get of do not feel dong for it or any Uning I done as I have never get done anything dishonorable tab for many mistakes in my former life I mean to offer amende with Ifutner of had will only Space Ing lige, only to and feel easy and happy If you went me to get along well you must be cherfull from want me to be a good solvier you must review in my little fue come if you want for take care of any self you want must show me in your letters that you are as happy and lively as you well can be, then and then only am I myself, duck Knowledge will thimmlate me to be friendly and Condercements to my inferiors Corteous putite to my Injunious furt, Equitable and Gleasant to all and mindfull to duty and I am Ine Incess will drowning Efords, honor and glory for us and our believed of spring will awaiten. I am won fixed in this institution en a fair evay and in my estimation no mad can ever be uspected or respect him

Self when his country needs the Services of allmost Every able bodied man the has I do not be how I can in fact everything is going as well as I could geowilly wish, when Every body loves honors and respects me, get I do intend to come home this Vall in Other on a Visit and if anything should hampine do as to be transferred of ferended denay be home Sooner. De Easy, he happy be my one dear Wife loded and war, Shiped by your time Sunbaced when is making a reputation for you the Children and himself, that we may Serving his Country : Hampton near by must at one time have been of the nothest of Southren lower, the Walls of the Church build en 1686 and to which the breg were bet from old degland and en which To Tashington and many other were married as well as the walls & chimney of down other la Too Buildings is all that which

left from that once magnificent With Orthated on the mouth of one of the best Markows in the bl. I would Hampton Woods, The House of is now occupied by Contrabams as well as the mairion of the Achel Col Maleray. We found a Trave stone on a Cometery close by of 1701 and many are the ancient ain enteresting Dights about here but & can not all give them. By the way when at Harrisons Landing across the Ofiner grown there it is not very far from Just to where mother Comas from and at one time guestionably deen fluir Chapman who has given your all the year, ticulais, & Could have gone in his stead but dit urt want to leave just mon may take a notion after certain things are accomplished. I bot a new Cap, teled by ou his Cap Everyand true slowing huston Mares

My dear beloved and good wife!

To day we received the first mail for quite a while and you may be sure it brought me "bliss" when I tell you two sweet letters from you, one from New York and three from my boys who have gone to the different Hospitals, among which is one from Henry Biegle from New York who says he is getting along finely. Your good letters seem to me attempting to conceal a great deal of trouble, anxiety and care which you apparently have and are trying to conceal. This must not be, my good Wife; you must not put yourself to any unnecessary trouble or care. You speak of a very hard letter you wrote me on a certain Sunday which I have not yet received, nor does it make any difference; I shall not think hard of you for it. I think it would have been worth \$500 at least had I left Brother Joseph in New York. Yet I do not feel sorry for it or any thing I done as I have never yet done anything dishonorable and, as for many mistakes in my former life, I mean to offer amends in the future if God will only spare my life; only try and feel easy and happy. If you want me to get along well you must be cheerful; if you want me to be a good Soldier you must rejoice in my little successes as they come; if you want me to take care of myself you must show me in your

letters that you are as happy and lively as you well can be; then and then only am I myself. Such knowledge will stimulate me to be friendly and condescending to my inferiors, courteous and polite to my superiors, just, equitable and pleasant to all and mindful to duty, and I am sure success will crown my efforts; honor and glory for us and our beloved offspring will await us. I am now fixed in this institution in a fair way and in my estimation no man can ever be respected or respect himself when his country needs the services of almost every able bodied man she has. I do not see how I can honorably get out of it now, when in fact everything is going as well as I could possibly wish, when everybody loves, honors and respects me. Yet I do intend to come home this Fall in November on a visit and if anything should transpire so as to be transferred or promoted I may be home sooner. Be easy, be happy, be my own dear Wife, loved and worshiped by your true husband who is making a reputation for you, the children and himself, that we may all feel proud of, while in the discharge of the noblest of callings, "serving his Country". Hampton nearby must at one time have been of the noblest of Southern towns. The Walls of the Church built in 1686 and to which the brick were brought from old England and in which George Washington and many other distinguished Men of the Country were married, as well as the walls and chimney of some other 6 or 700 Buildings is all that

is left from that once magnificent City situated on the mouth of one of the best Harbors in the United States, namely Hampton Roads. The House of ex-President Tyler close by here is now occupied by Contrabands as well as the mansion of the Rebel Colonel Maleroy. We found a Gravestone on a Cemetery close by of 1701 and many are the ancient and interesting sights about here but I can not all give them. By the way, when at Harrisons Landing, across the River from there it is not very far from Sussex County where mother comes from and at one time we expected to go there by way of Petersburg. You have ere this unquestionably seen friend Chapman who has given you all the particulars, I could have gone in his stead but dit not want to leave just now. May take a notion after certain things are accomplished. I bot a new Cap, send my old bugle to my big son; he may wear it on his Cap.

Ever your true & loving husband

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