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Camp near Covington
Nov 12/62

My dear dear good Wife and Children

We are ordered to Memphis
Tenn. to report to the 1st Div. Army
of Genl. Sig. Genl. A. J.
Smith (Command) and I am truly
glad of it, that I seem like
going again to the theater of
action. instead of loitering
around the borders of the Ohio
guarding empty forts and
defunct magazines.

It seems I am doomed
to see something of the dif-
ficulties of War, when you may
again look with some
interest to my scribbles.
I shall try & keep you
posted of our trip on the
River. We go from here
to Louisville by & from

there to Memphis, I anticipate
a jolly trip, lots of Excitement
Spurs in the sunny climate
of the rosy South. Although
here only 2 1/2 days, I have
already to day had the
pleasure of having Brig
Genl. Armon Commander
of the Post of Cosington to
dinner with me, a good
natured well Schmoosebelah
of the regular Army, whom
I am satisfied left me with
the impression that he was
a much more important
man than he ever knew
before, he is a great friend
of my old friend Genl
Kimball. I am as busy
as I wish to be Col French
left yesterday for Cin. with
his lady and will not
return untill to morrow
so I have to get the Ref

ready, transportation & all
and you have seen & heard when
the Regt. left Mansfield, but
now it is three times as much
just imagine of all the questions
of a green Regt. going to Dixie
the excitement & then judge.
but you know I take it cool
While I write these are I
standing around both able
and willing to ask some very
important questions but
I have made up my mind
to let them wait until after
I have said a few words to
my sweet one at home.

My boat when left me and
I feel like a young married
man in the height of glory.

Tell Hamlin that if he
leaves first rate I will take
him along down the Mis.
River with me in the
Spring

And Lizzie shall have the
nicest little Bale of raw
Cotton there is about
Memphis or something
nicer and Morsey have a
nice little He nigger and
Theresa, Yetteke, Mary, Hammet
Absey & Henry all will get
something nice if they behave
and don't quarrel

Be Easy Good Girl my
dear M^e, all will be
right. You must read
my letters to Michofarah
Henry & Theresa or let
Uncle Joseph read them
direct your letters
to my Rest

My Love A. J. Smith's Div.
Memphis Ten.

Ever your true loving

Marcus
Enclosed find
\$10 I send money to Recd

Camp near Covington [Ky.]

Nov. 12/62

My dear dear good Wife and Children,

We are ordered to Memphis, Ten[nessee], to report to the 1st Div. Army of Kentucky, Brig. Genl A. J. Smith Comm[anding], and I am truly glad of it, that seems like going again to the theater of action instead of loitering around the borders of the Ohio guarding empty forts and defunct Magazines.

It seems I am doomed to see something of the different seats of War; now you may again look with some Interest to my scribblings I shall try & keep you posted of our trip on the River. We go from here to Louisville, Ky & from there to Memphis. I anticipate a jolly trip, lots of excitement and fun in the sunny clime of the rosy south. Although here only 2-1/2 days, I have allready to day had the pleasure of having Brig Genl Ammon Commander of the Post of Covington to dinner with me, a good natured altn Schmoose belah [old gossip?] of the regular Army, who I am satisfied left me with the impression that he was a much more important man than he ever knew before, he is a great friend of my old friend Genl Kimball. I am as busy as I wish to be. Colonel French left yesterday for Cinti [Cincinnati] with his lady and will not return untill to morrow, so I have to get the Regt ready,

transportation & all, and you have seen & heard when the Regt left Mansfield, but now it is three times as much. Just imagine of all the questions of a green Regt going to Dixie, the excitement & then judge but you know I take it cool. While I write there are 8 standing around both able and willing to ask some very important questions but I have made up my mind to let them wait untill after I have said a few words to my sweet ones at home.

My back ache left me and I feel like a young married man in the highth of glory. Tell Hamlin that if he learns first rate I will take him along down the Mis[sissippi] River with me in the Spring. And Lizzie shall have the nicest little Bale of raw Cotton there is about Memphis or something nicer and Mosey have a nice a little He nigger and Theresia, Yettche, Mary, Hannah [?], Mosey and Henry will get something nice if they behave and don't quarrel.

Be easy good girl my dear Wife, all will be right you must read my letters to Mich and Sarah, Henry and Theresa or let Uncle Joseph read them. Direct your letters to my Regt.

Brig. Genl. A. J. Smiths Div.

Memphis Ten

Ever your true & loving

Marcus

Enclosed find \$10 I sent money to Reese

Covington Ky Nov 16/62

My dear good Wife and Children!

My long absence from the service and the mingling with Civilians and receiving their Compliments and dainties as the nursing of babies or something else, made me forget my general rule and made me deviate from my adapted custom which I regret to say, will now doubtless cause me, to be for quite a time without any news from those whom I love as no man loves. You will remember that while in Virginia I never wrote to you that we had marching Orders or that we were about to move, always preferring to await the arrival at a new place and announce it to you.

Had I done so this time I
would probably see this have
a letter from you, but when we
received a preemptory Order, for-
sittingly directing us to ~~move~~
proceed to Memphis Tenn &
directing the G. M. Department
to furnish transportation I
thought myself perfectly safe
in telling you to direct your
letters to that place, but when
about ready to start, the
Department Head Quarters
under the Wise and Sage General
Wright (who I believe from what
little I pass of him is oftener
wrong than right) found out
that they had not provided any
body to guard the 3 or 4 Million
Dollars worth of property here
and consequently ordered us
to delay our departure untill
after 5 Companies now at May-
ville Ky could be put down

which went we are daily looking
for. This Department is in my
opinion badly managed as bad
as any I have seen, Oh for a
McClellan at the head of
every department, that would
be allowed to stay. Even if he
would not pray every hour
"God save the African". You
have no idea of the feeling of
the Army at the removal of Mr
McClellan, no matter what the
Newspapers say, you know I
have generally given you impartial
opinion, I say to you now, look
out for a Storm. I am
late, hearty and happy and with
the exception of one of Col. (big kind)
Pomforters in the neighborhood
where it materially interferes
with my comfortable sitting
I have no reason to complain.
Charley has the present looking

Careless on any other kind of sleep
that any man could wish for
in short he is all I could wish
for ~~the~~ he is the pet horse
in the Regt. Col French left
yesterday from Millersburg
where he accompanied his
Wife, he has now taken charge
of the Regt. again & I have easy
times, he is a perfect gentleman
I think I never of him every
day he was as like a father
when you write you must say
something pleasant about him
that I can show him.

We may start for Memphis to-
morrow and maybe not in a
week so I think you had better
direct your letters here to follow
the Regt. Adieu my love to my
dear Children, Sister Brother
Children and all the friends
Every one true loving
Mansons

Covington Ky. Nov. 16/62

My dear good Wife and Children!

My long absence from the service and the mingling with civilians and receiving their compliments and dainties or the nursing of babies or something else, made me forget my general rule and made me deviate from my adapted custom which, I regret to say, will undoubtedly cause me to be for quite a time without any news from those whom I love as no man loves. You will remember that while in Virginia I never wrote to you that we had marching Orders or that we were about to move, always preferring to await the arrival at a new place and announce it to you. Had I done so this time I would probably ere this have a letter from you, but when we received a preemptory Order, positively directing us to proceed to Memphis, Ten[nessee], and directing the Q[uar]ter M[aster] Department to furnish transportation, I thought myself perfectly safe in telling you to direct your letters to that place, but when about ready to start, the Department Head Quarters under the wise and sage General Wright (who I believe from what little I saw of him is oftener wrong than right) found out that they had not provided anybody to Guard the 3 or 4 million Dollars worth of property here and consequently ordered us to delay our departure untill after 5 Companies now at Maysville, Ky could be brought down, which event we are daily looking for. This Department is in my

opinion badly managed, as loose as any I have seen. Oh for a McClellan at the Head of every department, that would be allowed to stay even if he would not pray every hour "God save the African". You have no Idea of the feeling of the Army at the removal of McClellan, no matter what the newspapers say. You know I have generally given you impartial opinion. I say to you now, look out for a Storm. I am hale, hearty and happy and with the exception of one of Job's (big kind) comforters [i.e., boils] in the neighborhood where it materially interferes with my comfortable sitting I have no reason to complain. Charley has the nicest loping cander or any other kind of step that any man could wish for in short he is all I could wish for. He is the pet Horse in the Regt. Colonel French returned yesterday from Millersburg where he accompanied his Wife. He has now taken charge of the Regt. again & I have easy times, he is a perfect Gentleman. I think more of him every day, he uses me like a Brother. When you write you must say something pleasant about him that I can show him.

We may start for Memphis to morrow and may be not in a week so I think you had better direct your letters here to follow the Regt. Adjur my love to my dear children, Sisters Brother children and all the friends.

Ever your true & loving

Marcus

Cornington Ky Nov 18/62

My dear dear Wife!

I am laying on my back now
for two days with an awful boil
on my sitting Extremities and I
really think it is the awfullest
boil I ever had.

I have been putting it for
two days with flaxseed and milk
and yet the Doctor told me
a little while ago he did not
think it would be fit to
open before to morrow.

I cannot sleep at nights
and really feel uncomfortable
during day time. Through every
body says and one and really
my John is by far the best

boy ever I had about me
if you were only here
to day I think all would
be right in a hurry.

While I write the snow
traps of snow are standing
at my feet and I will
close I will write to you
as soon as the winter
is open. I have another one
coming in front, but will
not be long.

My love to all

Ever your affectionate
Marion

This letter I recd. from
Chapman to enquire
Did you get the \$10
I send you



Covington Ky Nov 18/62

My dear dear Wife!

I am laying on my back now for two days with an awfull boil on my sitting extremities and I really think it is he awfulest boil I ever had.

I have been polticing it for two days with flaxseed and milk and yet the Doctor told me a little while ago he dit not think it would be fit to open before tomorrow.

I can not sleep at night and really feel uncomfortable during day time. Though everybody waits on me and really my John is by far the best boy ever I had about me yet if you were only here to day I think all would be right in a hurry.

I will write to you as soon as this monster is open. I have another one coming in front but will not be as large. My love to all.

Ever your true & loving

Marcus

[On the back]

This letter I recd from Chapman to day

Dit you get the \$10 sent you

done by you & Henry for me & my wife to do so at once

May the God of Israel strengthen
them to stand the quere, such is
life, Oh that it must be so, it is
woofull. I will write to Henry and
Theresa to night. God bless them.

At last the ~~five~~ five Companies
of the 115th Reg^t which were to relieve
us here arrived this Afternoon and
we shall probably leave to morrow Eve
or Friday Morning for Memphis, I
am truly glad of it, this staying
here did not suit me it is neither
Citizen nor Soldier, I do not like
the Idea of Shoulders straps & blue
Cloth in a peacefull Country, more
Especially so near Ohio, where every
little Depredation Committed (and
some always will be) hits our true
and loyal People of Ohio, more the
pitty since the noble State has so
very lately gone democratic.

This being a very rainy day and
the horizion looking so very much
like rain for some time to come

Very forcibly reminded me of
the fact that neither I nor my
Charley were perfectly equipped for
a down South "Winter Campaign"
I therefore started with Col French
to Cincinnati where we purchased
Each A large Fur Coat, Fur
Cap, Fur Gloves for us and a very
large Fur Blanket and Fur
Horse Hood for our Horses.
Myself as well as Charley are now
fixed so as to stand the Cold as
well as the rain, I never was equipped
as well before and yet it may
come to pass that an unpleasant
little affair may happen to me
before I leave and that is, my
John gave the two Red Shirts &
one pair of the Green drawers
that you made for me, one gray shirt
that striped one I got of Cohn last
Winter 3 Puffs & one pair of my
heavy knit drawers to the Wash
woman yesterday and she agreed

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to bring them in day after to morrow
and most likely we have to morrow
he does not know her name neither
does he know where she lives, yet
we may find out to morrow.

My Evening Companion is Dean he is the
pleasantest and most accomplished man
I most ever saw, he is a good man
the only thing I have against him, is
he talks and brags so much of his wife
and Children and family so that I can
scarcely get a chance, still I force it
in Edgerways, last night while I lay suffering
we talked untill y^e past ten and I had
almost forgotten my boil untill after he left
when my pains were so severe I had to send for
the doctor to open it, while Dean was here among
other things we talked of our Childrens prayers
when I told him our Childrens morning prayer
he was so taken with it, he wrote it down
at once and send it to his "Charlotte" to
learn it to his Children, dont let my Hamlin
Lizzie and Mosey forget it, when I repeated
it, to Dean last night and thought of my
dear dear Children and you my love I had
to shed tears, Good bye my dear Hamlin & Lizzie
be good Children so our dear Mosey and Hattie
will have only good of you, and so that

when your father died she left of all my father's estate, she will send me
good of you. And then you may hear Dean says she will send me
children's money

[upside down text at top of page]

My love to Brother Joseph he must write me every time
Caroline writes, My love to dear Sarah and Michael. I wish
you would all write to me often. Good night God bless you and
your dear children. Your Brother

Marcus

Hd Qtrs. 120th O.V. Covington Ky. Nov. 19/62

My dear dear good Wife and Children!

I am happy to announce to you that I am again able to sit
up and feel all right after laying for two days and a half
on my back suffering most unmercifully with an awfull Bealing
[boil] which I had cut upon last night about 11 o'clock
after which I rested perfectly easy and awoke this morning
feeling as gay as a Lark, and if I should perchance to day
have received a letter from you, my dear good Wife, written in
good spirit and announcing the happy fact of our dear
Children and friends all well, I should have been perfectly
happy.

I am exceedingly grieved at the unhappy result of the
sickness of little Yettche, the berievment and grieve of
the parents must be sorrowfull to behold I can but
sympathise with them. May the God of Israel strengthen
them to stand the grieve, such is life, Oh that it must be
so, it is awfull. I will write to Henry and Theresa to

night. God bless them.

At last the five Companies of the 115th Regt which were to relieve us here arrived this afternoon and we shall probably leave tomorrow Eve or Friday Morning for Memphis. I am truly glad of it, this staying here dit not suit me it is neither Citizen nor Soldier. I do not like the Idea of Shoulderstraps & blue cloth in a peaceful Country, more especially so near Ohio, where every little depritation [depredation] committed (and some always will be) hits our true and loyal People of Ohio, more the pity since the noble State has so very lately gone democratic.

This being a very rainy day and the horizon looking so very much like rain for some time to come very forcibly reminded me of the fact that neither I nor my Charley were perfectly equipped for a "down South" Winter Campaign. I therefore started with Col French to Cincinnati where we purchased each a large Gum [rubber] Coat, Gum Cap, Gum Gloves for us and a very large Gum Blanket and Gum Horse Hood for our Horses. Myself as well as Charley are now fixed so as to stand the Cold as well as the rain. I never was equipped as well before and yet it may come to pass that an unpleasant little affair may happen to me before I leave and that is, my John gave the two Red Shirts & one pair of the Green drawyers that you made for me, one gray Shirt (that striped one I bought of Cohn last Winter), 3 Handkerchiefs & one pair

of my heavy knit drawyers to the Wash Woman yesterday and she agreed to bring them in day after tomorrow and most likely we leave to morrow. He does not know her name, neither does he know where she lives, yet we may find out to morrow.

My evening companion is Dean. He is the pleasantest and most accomplished man I most ever saw; he is a good man. The only thing I have against him is he talks and braggs so much of his wife and Children and family & c that I can scarcely get a chance, still I force it in edgeways. Last night while I lay suffering we talked until 1/2 past ten and I had almost forgotten my boil untill after he left, when my pains were so severe I had to send for the doctor to open it. While Dean was here among other things we talked of our Childrens' prayers & when I told him our Children's morning prayer he was so taken with it, he wrote it down at once and sent it to his "Charlotte" to learn it to his children. Dont let my Hamlin, Lizzie and Mosey forget it. When I repeated it to Dean last night and thought of my dear dear Children and you my love, I had to shed tears. Good bye my dear Hamlin and Lizzie, be good Children so our dear Mosey and Hattie will learn only good of you, and so that when your father with the help of Almighty God returns, he will only hear good of you. God bless you my dear wife and Children

Marcus

[left side of page 1] Give my commission to Guthman to lay in his safe in these cities Fire might brake and

[left side of page 2] direct your letters to Memphis as I have directed you, it will take us six days to go down

[left side of page 3] Josey send this Recpt to Reese I dit not know his adress right I send to 369 Harrison Ldg. Give my Com. to Guthman to [hole in page] safe



Members of Grand Central
Board St St Wayne
Nov 22/62

My dear good Wife!

This afternoon about
20 min. ago our Post
Master bro't me a
letter from you dated
19th. Oh such a good
sweet dear letter, such
a kind letter, it seemed
like old times, when
after a long absence
I used to get one
good sweet letter
describing Hamlin, Lizzie
Morry, Hattie & all.

We are still laying
on Board Steamer
near Carington Shore

getting ready to start
I shall probably do so
to night. I spent
this forenoon (Shabbos)
by being in Dr. Wise's
School & hearing a very
good sermon by the
Doctor, I think I
was a devout Israelite
a beautiful service
good singing and
good service and fine
sermon. After Synagogue
I hunted up Ezra Lewis
spent forenoon with them
their folks have an awful
time at home Grandpa & Abba
and one of their Oracles died
and several uncles dying
I am proud of getting
Ezra discharged
without doubt

My Charley is now your
nominated the gayest and
finest horse in the service
Every body says he is
fine English blood, I
was offered \$300 in
green backs for him
he has the proudest
and gayest gait (lope
& canter) you ever saw.
I asked the Col \$500
(~~for~~ ^{Angels} ~~Company~~ ^{W. S. Regulars})
and if he had taken
me up I would have
bought out. He is
a perfect Angel and
follows me like a Pet
Just think your Lieut
Lord in Command of
Steamed Fort Wayne
one of the finest Steamer
Ever floated this River

500 as good men and
21 Officers under him
who look upon him as
the man every accom-
plished you could im-
agine and every body
his friend & think for
one moment, is he
not bully? Ek? Say?

The youngest of the crew
wearer left for home
the oldest was for Capt
Emmer's boat is an Cal
Stunks Boat the
steamed Silverwave
I met Jerry Moller
from Wisconsin a
Lieut in the 115th or
to day and we had
a fine time, he is
now an board
boat with one

[upside down text on top of page]

French & Dean send their love & respect

On Board St. Ft. Wayne

Nov 22/62

My dear good wife!

This afternoon (about 20 minutes ago) our Post Master brought me a letter from you dated 19th. Oh such a good sweet dear letter, such a kind letter; it seemed like old times, when after a long absence I used to get one good sweet letter describing Hamlin, Lizzie, Mosey, Hattie and all.

We are still laying on board Steamer near Covington shore getting ready to start; shall probably do so to night. I spend this forenoon (Shabboth) [Sabbath] by being in Dr. Wise's School & hearing a very good cermon by the Doctor. I think I was a devout Israelite, a beautyfull service, good singing and good service and fine Sermon. After Synagogue I haunted up Ezra and Lewis, spent forenoon with them. Their folks have an awfull time at home, Grandpa Sebrell [?] and one of their oncles died and several aunts dying. I am shure of getting Ezra discharged without doubt. My Charley is now pronounced the gayest and finest horse in the service. Every body says he is fine English blood. I was offered \$300 in green backs

for him. He has the proudest and gayest gate (lope and canter) you ever saw. I asked the Col \$500 (Colonel Ingels U. S. Regulars) and if he had taken me up, I would have backed out. He is a perfect Angel and follows me like a Pet. Just think: your Liege Lord in Command of Steamer Fort Wayne, one of the finest Steamers ever floated Mis[sissippi] River; 500 as good men and 2 I officers under him who look upon him as the man; every accomodation you could imagine and everybody his friend & think for one moment, is he not bully? Eh? Say?

The youngest of the women left for home, the oldest cooks for Capt. Emmericks and is on Colonel French's boat the steamer Silverware.

I met Jerry Mohler from Uniontown a Lieut in the 115th on today and we had a fine time, he is now on board boat with me.

On Board Steamed Fort Wayne
off Port Corington by Nov 23/62

My dear dear Wife!

You will see by the above
that we have not travelled very far
since I last wrote to you, which I
think was written on Board Steamed
Dumbell, a small Steamed which
was found to small and therefore unloaded
and the large and roomy Steamed Fort
Wayne was furnished us.

Col Breuel is on Steamed Silverman
with five Companies the right wing, Major
Adjutant & Chaplain and Dr Hammon
Myself on Steamed Fort Wayne with
five Companies the left wing, Quarter Master
Deart, Sergeant Major & Doctor Stoves
90 Mules 12 Wagons & 2 Umbalances
any Ammount of Quarter Master
Stores & Suttles Goods &c

The River having been so very low, causes almost every Boat to be out of fit. and consequently a great deal of repair is necessary to complete them even manned for running Odes, besides the thing of loading the Rations, Baggage &c of y^e women is not a very pleasant job besides being one which can be done in a short time, but of all contrary & stubborn as well as word occurrences that I ever saw, the putting a board a Boat, minute mules Mules heap them all, We have them now. Ever this (Sunday) we are all loaded but I am and am now sure of starting by about noon to morrow. We board with the Captain at the cost of \$125.00 per day State room included, we get good " grub". This Evening J. Waster and myself were invited to a Supper at ^(Mr Banning) Comington, a wholesale Merchant in Cincinnati, formerly from Franklin Co Ohio, and both Dear and myself left the House strongly wishing for the dear ones at home, such a nice man, such a splendid woman

Such a fine lot of four Children
and such an exquisite Supper, such
a warm & cordial treatment, such a
well regulated family every thing every
thing and yet more than all the funny
jotting of the little boy when father
came in & the sweet sounding, Pa
all, all drew & reminded me of my sweet
Children and good good Caroline, but such
is life. Mr Banning lives in a perfect Palace
on the Banks of the Ohio where when on
the top of magnificent Mansion they
can overlook the Country around.

I have been invited a dozen times since
we stayed here, often by Major Beathams
Brother and Sister in-law & their friends
at Newport Ky, ~~yet I have~~
for Dinner & Tea and parties, yet I
never went though the Major and many
of the Officers went and coaxed me to
go, last Friday Afternoon 4 Ladies
from Newport (right across the
River) came on Board the Boat and
told me they had got up a

a farewell party" purpose for
me and I must be sure and come
I very politely accepted the in-
vitation "if possible" but when Emma
came I send a very polite note
"of impossibility" and stayed at
Home. Last night after spending
as I told you ⁴ Foreman in Synagogue
afternoon with Eva & Lewis, I spent
the evening with the Col & Lewis Col
of the 115th Co. & I am now satisfied
it is all right and Eva will be dis-
charged. To day the Col Lt Col
& Major of the Regt took dinner with
me and to morrow morning I feel satis-
fied I can get him discharged.

I write you this eve just to spent my
eve with you my love, not that I
have anything interesting to write

My love to all & Every one —
Harmin, Lizzie, Nancy & Mattie
Orley Gray Sarah Nick & Childer
Elizabeth all Yours true loving
Marion

On Board Steamer Fort Wayne
off Port Covington Ky. Nov. 23/62

My dear dear Wife!

You will see by the above that we have not travelled very far since I last wrote to you, which I think was written on Board Steamer Dunleath, a small Steamer which was found too small and therefore unloaded and the large and roomy Steamer Fort Wayne was furnished us.

Col French is on Steamer Silverwave with five Companies, the right wing; Major, Adjutant & Chaplain and Dr. Hammond and myself on Steamer Fort Wayne with five Companies, the left wing, Quarter Master Dean, Sergeant Major & Doctor Stover, 90 mules, 12 Wagons & 2 Ambulances, any amount of Quarter Master Stores & Suttler Goods & c.

The River having been so very low, causes almost every Boat to be out of fix and consequently a great deal of repair is necessary to complete them in a manner for running Order; besides the thing of loading Rations, Baggage & c of 900 men is not a very pleasant job, besides being one which can [not] be done in a short time. But of all contrary & stubborn as well as novel occurrences that I ever saw, the putting a board a Boat [of] ninety mulish Mules beats them all. We have them however this (Sunday) Eve all loaded but 16, and are now sure of starting by about noon to morrow. We board with the

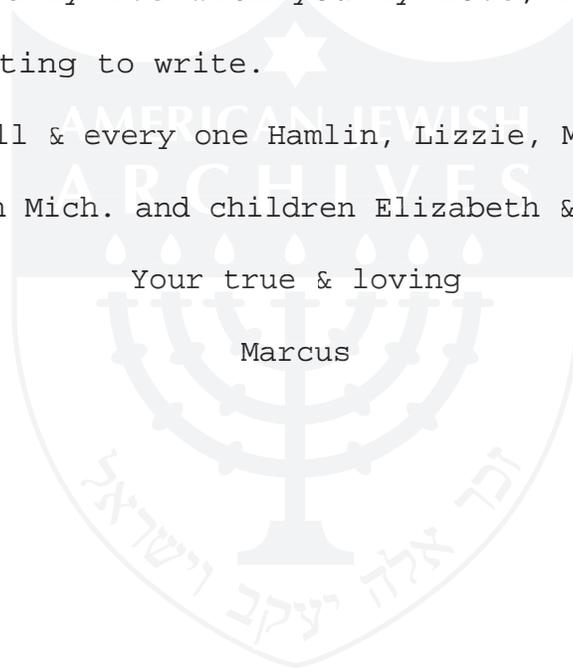
Captain at the cost of \$1.25/100 per day, State room included; we get good "Grubb". This Evening Q[uarter] Master and myself were invited to a Supper, Mr. Banning at Covington, a wholesale Merchant in Cincinnati, formerly from Trumbull County, Ohio, and both Dean and myself left the House strongly wishing for the dear ones at Home. Such a nice man, such a splendid woman, such a fine lot of four children and such an exquisite Supper, such a warm & cordial treatment, such a well regulated family. Everything, everything and yes more than all, the friendly pottling of the little boy when father came in & the sweet sounding, Pa, all, all drew and reminded me of my sweet Children and good good Caroline, but such is life. Mr. Banning lives in a perfect Pallace on the Banks of the Ohio where when on the top of Magnificent Mansion they can overlook the Country around. I have been invited a dozen times since we stayed here, often by Major Beakmans Brother and Sister-in-law and their friends at Newport, Ky for Dinner & Tea and parties, yet I never went, though the Major and many of the Officers went and coaxed me to go. Last Friday Afternoon 4 Ladies from Newport (right across the River) came on Board the Boat and told me they had got up a "farewell party" [on] purpose for me and I must be sure and come. I very politely accepted the invitation "if possible" but when Evening came I sent a very

polite note of "impossibility" and stayed at Home. Last night after spending as I told you Forenoon in Synagogue [and] afternoon with Ezra & Lewis, I spent the evening with the Col & Lieut Col of the 115th O.V. & I am now satisfied it is all right and Ezra will be discharged. To day the Col, Lt Colonel & Major of the Regt took dinner with me and tomorrow morning I feel satisfied I can get him discharged. I write you this Eve just to spend my Eve with you my love, not that I have anything interesting to write.

My love to all & every one Hamlin, Lizzie, Mosey and Hattie, Uncle Josey, Sarah Mich. and children Elizabeth & all.

Your true & loving

Marcus



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Only a few others
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God bless you all
Ever your affectionate

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I have just time to say to you that I am again well and hearty. I have been sick in bed for almost 3 days with a terrible cold which had settled in my Breast and threw me in a fever and was as sick as I have been since I am in this Country. I thought at once I had to lay by and send for you, but thanks to the Doctors and many many kind friends, I am again up and all right. You know if I say so it is so; only a little weak and compelled to take care of myself which I do. They tell me I talked all the time in my fever of my dear, dear, good and lovely Wife and Children. I will commence a good long letter for you and mail as we pass Cairo, Illinois.

God Bless you all

Ever your Marcus

I am so weak that it makes the sweat come, to write.
Give my love to Sarah, Theresa, Henry, Mich and all.

Only so far after 8 days travel, very slow.