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Heaps 120th O.V.S. in the field
near Big Black Miss Jan 2/63

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hope to see him soon
The Assembly Friends

Yours true loving
husband
Marcus

Keep the dear Children
my love to Elizabeth and
all friends!

Hd. qrs 120th O.V.I. in the field

near Big Black Mis. June 3/63

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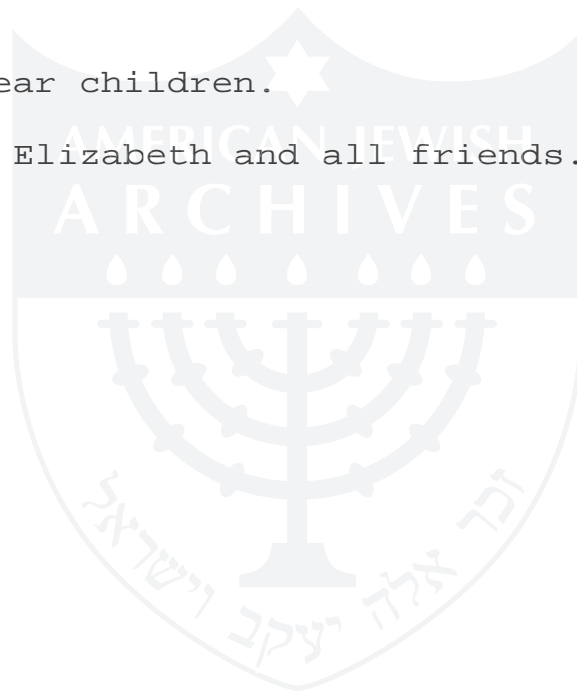
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Your true & loving husband

Marcus

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My love to Elizabeth and all friends.



Ed Geo 120th O.V. I June 6/63

My dear dear Wife!

I have been over on a visit to Genl Osterhaus, where with three German Gentlemen who first came from St Louis we had a pleasant and happy time by a glass of wine. On my arrival home I found your kind letter the sweetest one you ever wrote from St Louis and also the one written the 26th

You bless you my love, you do not know how good it makes me feel to read your letters, I can see you in every sentence, just as you are and feel, I can see you just as you are and just as I love you.

I am well and in good spirits as yet we have not taken Vicksburg, neither have we been attacked by Jos. Johnston, yet we are alternatively working for both events to take place daily.

It is now conceded that
Vicksburg can only be taken
by regular approaches, we are
now within 15 yards of some
of their forts, we are gaining
on them daily and pouring
shot, shell & grape among them
from more than two hundred
guns day and night.

Vicksburg is as strong as
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fall & if it falls Genl Grant
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of the Age. If it falls or not
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burg falls I will try for a
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sure of getting one & then woud
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place I wrote to you from
last. I am receiving about
twenty five letters every mail
Everybody congratulates me
and seems to be proud to call
me friend

As to my plans for the future
I have none other than to live
for you make you happy &
rain our beloved Children as
we ought to & can, I am now
serving my beloved Country
& as soon as that is over
I will live for my family only.

I have now my Charley
one bay named "Frank" and
one dark Fowl called
Pete & the two ponies. Charley
and the ponies I will
bring home, the mare pony
is not the thing for you
to ride, she will have a Colt
which we will raise & then you
may give it to Charley in
Chicago.

I never felt in my life as
I do now when I think of
going home it seems that every
joy and spark of life con-
centrates to that one idea.

Tell John I will write
him a long letter & bring it
along, I recd. his letter and was
glad of his good advice.

It is awful hot here
for over two weeks I
do not believe the thermometer
has been under 90 degrees
in the shade, I have one
sight in front of my tent
under a beautiful shade
tree. Tell my beloved Children
that they will soon see their
Pa Pa & tell them I love
them more than any Pa in
the world & tell them to be
very very good Children.
My love to Elizabeth &
John of family & friends.

I remain as ever
Your true loving
Marcus

For the first time in my life did
I see your address on a letter
bully continue to do so

Hd qrs 120th O.V.I. June 6/63

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I have been over on a visit to Genl Osterhaus, where with three German Gentlemen who first came from St Louis we had a pleasant and happy time by a glass of wine. In my arrival home I found your kind letter the sweetest one you ever wrote send by Lt Voris and also the one written the 25th.

God bless you my love, you do not know how good it makes me feel to read your letters, I can see you in every sentence, just as you are and feel, I can see you first as you are and just as I love you.

I am well and in good spirits. As yet we have not taken Vicksburg, neither have we been attacked by Jos. Johnston, yet we are alternativly looking for both Events to take place daily. It is now conceded that Vicksburg can only be taken by regular approaches, we are now within 15 yards of some of their forts, we are gaining on them daily and pouring shot, shell & Grape [illegible] from more than two hundred Guns day and night.

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We are still at the same place I wrote to you from last. I am receiving about twenty five letters every mail Everybody congratulated me and seems to be proud to call me friend.

As to my plans for the future I have none other than to live for you make you happy & raise our beloved Children as we ought to & can, I am now serving my beloved Country & as soon as that is done I will live for my family only.

I have now my Charley one boy named "Frank" and one dark Sorrel called Pete & two ponies. Charley and the ponies I will bring home, the mare pony is just the thing for you to ride, she will have a Colt which we will raise & then you may give it to Charley in Chicago.

I never felt in my life as I do now when I think of going home it seems that every joy and spark of life concentrates to that one Idea.

Tell Cohn I will write him long letter & bring it along, I recd his letter and was glad of his good advice. It is awful hot here for over two weeks I do not believe the Thermometer has been under 90 degrees in the Shade, I have one right in front of my tent under a beautiful shade tree. Tell my beloved Children that they will soon see their PaPa & tell them I love them more than any Pa in the world & tell them to be very very good Children.

My love to Elizabeth & Cohn & family & friends.

I remain as ever

Your true & loving

Marcus

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cupd 910 120th O.S. I. In the field
near Big Black Mts. June 7/63

My dear dear Wife!

It is nearly one year since
I was called upon to witness the
fourth birth of our beloved and
blossoming offspring. Well do I remem-
ber your sufferings, as if it were
but a moment ago, do I remember
the heroic and womanly like de-
mand and the loving and con-
fiding looks I received from
you, during all your labor the
joy we both felt when the lovely
and pretty Hattie was presented
by my dear mother, who at once
pronounced her "die schönste Kind
das sie noch gesehen hat"

Allow me to congratulate you
on her first "birth day" may
God our heavenly Father grant
that we may live to see many
many of them in peace, love
and happiness. May it please
God to give us many happy days
with our children, so that we

may raise them an Ornament
to Him and an Emulation to
His Teachings.

I would love to be with you
to night, I know and feel
you are just now thinking
of me, but we will have
to wait awhile, trusting that
Sickness will soon fall.

With hearty prayers for
your welfare and that
of our beloved Children
I remain, to the best and
loveliest Wife in the world

A true and loving
husband
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You don't know how much I
love you.

Brother Joseph is in St Louis
have not yet seen him

Hd qrs 120th O.V.I. In the field

Near Big Black Miss June 7/63

My dear dear Wife!

It is nearly one year since I was called upon to witness the fourth birth of our beloved and blooming offspring. Well do I remember your sufferings, as if it were but a moment ago, do I remember the heroic and womanly like demeanor and the loving and confiding looks I received from you, during all your labor & the joy we both felt when the lovely and pretty Hattie was presented by my dear mother, who at once pronounced her the "schönste Kind, das Sie noch gesehen hat" [German translates to the "prettiest child that she has ever seen"].

Allow me to congratulate you on her first "birth day" may God our heavenly Father grant that we may live to see many many of them in peace, love and happiness. May it please God to give us many happy days with our Children, so that we may raise them an ornament to Him and an Emulation to His teachings.

I would love to be with you to night, I know and feel you are just now thinking of me, but we will have to wait awhile, trusting that Vicksburg will soon fall.

With hearty prayers for Your wellfar and that of our
beloved Children I remain, to the best and loveliest Wife in the
world

A true and loving husband

Marcus

You don't know how much I love you.

Brother Joseph is in St Louis have not yet seen him



Wd Aug 20th O. T. D. at
Clear Creek Miss. June 10/63

My dear dear Wife
We have again
moved about two miles from our
Camping place at Black Creek
to very quiet place in the woods
near Clear Creek so get in better
Regiment but the 13th is there
but I understand several others
are to come here and I am to
get command of the Brigade.

Thos. Cox will leave for home
and I thought best to write a
few lines to you, there is nothing new
while I write to you the Cannon
at Vicksburg is sent from here an
thundering powerful and I still
hope that we will get the town
in a very few days. I am well
and hearty for three nights past
but they lay on us Cannon every
night and several times during
each night down up in Bull
line, but found out only
a good deal of Crutney parties.

Captain Moffet of my Regt
started for home to day he lives
near Knoxville, is a very nice gentleman
one of my warmest friends, he
promised me he would pay you
a visit as soon as he came home
with his wife, we wish you

my sake, you will like him I am
sure, he will tell you all about me.

I still intend to come home
as soon as Vietnam is taken
and calculate to spend as happy
a time, God willing, with my
dear wife and children, as any
man could have.

My health is very good though
I do not like the hot weather
here quite as well as I might.
The heat is never under 88 degrees
and often as high as 92 in the
shade, to day we had a very
good rain. You must remember
that I have to come home on a sick
bayonet and of course I do not
feel quite as well. I have a great
deal of trouble with those beads
and about every two weeks
and some times even walk.

Mr. Orr & Capt Moffet
will tell you all the news.

I have so much to see you
that I can scarcely write any-
thing, it seems like ten years
since I saw you. I expect to
see you back like a young
man. Good bye. God bless
you all. Your true and
loving husband
Wm. M. Mearns

I saw Lt. W. H. H. he knew nothing about you.

Hd. Qrs 120th O.V.I at

Clear Creek Miss June 10/63

My dear dear Wife!

We have again moved about two miles from our camping place at Black Creek [to] a very pretty place in the woods near Clear Creek. As yet no other Regiment but the 120th is there but I understand several others are to come here and I am to get command of the Brigade.

Thomas Orr will leave for home and I thought best to write a few lines to you. There is nothing new; while I write to you the cannons at Vicksburg, 5 miles from here, are thundering powerful and I still hope that we will get the town in a very few days. I am well and hearty. For three nights past our Regt lay on its Arms every night and several times during each night drawn up in Battle line, but turned out only small Rebel scouting parties.

Captain Moffit of my Regt started for home to day; he lives near Orrville, is a very nice Gentleman, one of my warmest friends. He promised me he would pay you a visit as soon as he came home with his wife; use him well for my sake. You will like him I am sure; he will tell you all about me.

I still intend to come home as soon as Vicksburg is taken and calculate to spend as happy a time, God willing, with my

dear wife and children as any man could have.

My health is very good though I do not like this hot weather here quite as well as I might. The heat is never under 88 degrees and often as high as 92 in the shade; to day we had a very good rain. You must remember that I have to come on a sick leave and of course I do not feel quite as well. I have a great deal of trouble with those boils, one about every two weeks and some times every week.

Thomas Orr & Captain Moffitt will tell you all the news.

I am so anxious to see you that I can scarcely write anything; it seems like ten years since I saw you. I expect to see you look like a young girl. Good bye. God bless you all.

Your true and loving husband,

Marcus

I saw Lt. Voris, he knew nothing about you.

Dear Mrs. June 19/63

My dear dear Wife!

Your very kind and good letter of the 7th of June yesterday and I was happy indeed to learn, all was well at my home. Whenever I hear that, I am happy.

I have nothing new, Vicksburg is not taken yet, but we are approaching nearer every day and they are doomed, two days ago I was in front and also went over our old field we fought.

Uncle Jerry is with us again, he just came from Chicago. He is well.

I send a double Barrel shot gun, if you think best you may give it to Co. H.

I have a chance to send this letter by a man. Lt Col Bushman

in going home our sick
leave "er hat sick caput
gesoffen" I am fearful
he will never join us an
gain, I only hope he may
get home alone.

Ever Ever
Your
Waverly



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Uncle Josey is with us again, he just came from Chicago. He is well. I send a double Barrel Shot Gun, if you think best you may give it to Cohn.

I have a chance to send this letter by a man. Lt. Col Beekmanis going home on sick leave er hat sich caput gesoffen [he got very drunk] I am fearful he will never join us again, I only hope he may get home alive.

Ever Ever

Your

Marcus

Walden 20th O. V. I.
P. S. Black Miss June 29/63

My dear dear Wife!

Your very good letter of the
9th inst. I rec^d. thro' days hence
and the pleasure of hearing of
your & the dear Childrens health
and of receiving sweet little Hattie's
picture, is indescribable, she is
lovely indeed, and of course you
will not deem me vain in saying
so, more especially when I tell you
that Gen^l Stephens & everybody
else that sees her, says that she
is the anty "Pa Pa" Child "I think
Do you to, think, she looks like me?
God bless her, I am proud of her
as I am of all my family, every
body that knows me sees the picture
and woe unto him, that speak
not in admiration and praise of all

The reason why I have not written for several days, was simply owing to the fact - that I had expected "Vicksburg to fall" and go home, but yesterday I was to the front & looked at all the position and I must confess that the place looks no nearer taken than it did when we left - 5 weeks ago, although our falls are nearer the only advantage I see, is that we are fixed to hold them easy and can use most of our force against Johnston, should he attack us. Everything here looks at least satisfactory for the Government, not so I fear with the Eastern Army and the people at home.

Looking to Virginia, where we have dates to the 23^d. I fear Lee is too much for Hooker, all our Generals, Officers and men feel so. We should have

that Army, Major General
Sherman, an Army Officer and
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cope with Lee" he knows them
both from West Point and
understands their Caliber.

Not only that it looks bad
in that Army, but judging from
the Reports of Holmes Co in the
Papers (and also other places)
there seems to be a spirit to
resist the Government and
bring on a Collision, resulting
in Civil War at home, I tremble
when I think of it, though I
fear nothing from "Camp Napoleon"
as it is called, yet the signs
are bad and I wish you were
out of the County, If you can
sell the horse for \$1200 do
so and I will agree to clear

of all Mortgages and when
I come home you can move
away. They may have difficulties
in Wiltshire and I could not
bear the idea of you living in
a town where you would be in
danger of suffering the trials of
War. You need not say any
thing about me saying that
yet still I do not care.

It is a shame. I can scarcely
think of anything else. I think it
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loyal States for Civil offences,
and try them by Court Martial
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Since I wrote to you last, we
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Big Black Bridge, close to the
Rifle Pits, we are daily looking
for Johnston to attack and
if he does he will get a warm
reception.

I consider Grant's situation perfectly safe as against all the forces the Confederates can bring in this section of Country against him.

It is awfully hot here, but on hand it, we have not much to do, except standing pickets and that is much easier in the summer than in Winter. We are at present now excited about Hooker's Army and the Raids into Maryland and Pennsylvania, than we are about Pickens, because the latter is slow to fall, while Hooker seems in a precarious position, let us trust to God for the best.

As for myself I am hale and hearty never was better, I sweating like a good fellow, though trying to take it as cool as any body dare. My boys are tolerably well off.

Get over fifty an having Chills
and Fever. Joseph has his Tent
at General Osterhanss Adqs
about 300 yards from here.

Ginsberine has a Tent about
two miles from here with the 2nd
Brigade of our Division, they are
doing bully business. They have
taken in Seven thousand Dollars
since Josey came with his new
Stock, they sell every day from
five hundred to a thousand Dollars
for Cash, they will clear four thousand
Dollars on the last Stock if Johnston
stays away three days longer.

The Paymaster is here and will
pay us two months pay in a few
days and then I will send you
about three hundred Dollars again
if he pays us 4 months I will send
you Seven hundred.

If God only spare my health
I think I begin to see bottom

I do hope my love that we may soon
see the time that we can live
as people like us should and raise
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as we do. I have about made up
my mind never to commence business
without sufficient means to carry
on whatever I do without a dead
weight hanging around my neck
if I can not do it big, I will
do it small, but on my own
Capital. Josey hopes to make a-
bout twenty thousand Dollars for
him and Ferdinand and then
start a fine Dry Good business
in Chicago & have me go in as Partner
How would you like to live in Chicago
at these prospects?

Humbert must be a good Son, I
only wish he had his ponies at
home. I will give one to Charley
yet I calculate to bring the two letters

bag home. They will make a
nice buggy team.

My Lizzie must learn to ^{ride} ~~to~~
Hornback you must make her
a nice long skirt and riding
Hat. What do you say Lizzie?
Is she a good girl?

My Mosey must also learn
to ~~to~~ ride so that he can
ride out with his paper. His
Pa is very anxious to see how
big a boy he has got to be. Uncle
Josy speaks a great deal about
him. My little sweet Flattie is
a pretty and sweet child, I
can hardly wait until I can
take her in my arms & kiss her
No Elizaeth my love, went lastly
but not least by any means
I never never yet did any one
long to hear & see any one as
dear. Your humble servant desires
to see his dearest sweet wife
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My boys are tolerably well off, yet over fifty are having chills and fever. Joseph has his tent at General Osterhauses Hd qrs about 300 yards from here.

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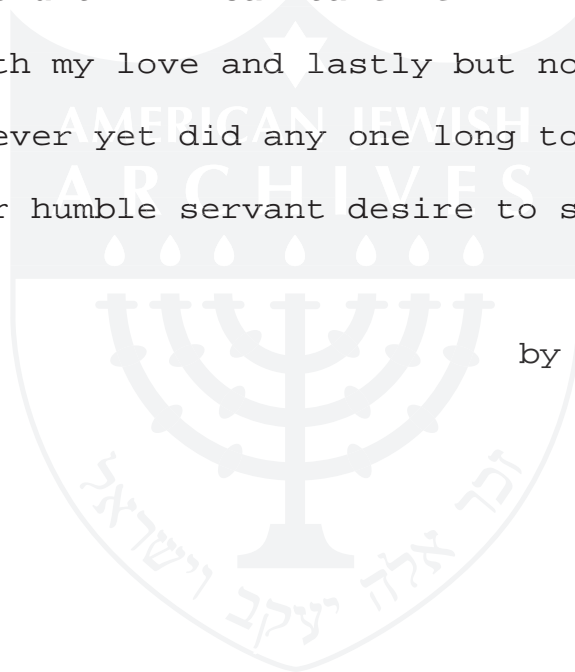
Hamlin must be a good Son, I only wish he had his ponies at home. I will give one to Charley yet I calculate to bring the two little boys home. They will make a nice buggie team.

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My Mosey must also learn to ride so that he can ride out with his papa. His Pa is very anxious to see how big a boy he has got to be. Uncle Josey speaks a great deal about him. My little sweet Hattie is a pretty and sweet Child, I can hardly await untill I can take her in my arms & kiss her. To Elizabeth my love and lastly but not least by any means I never never yet did any one long to hear & see any one as does your humble servant desire to see his dearest sweet Wife.

by your ever loving

Marcus

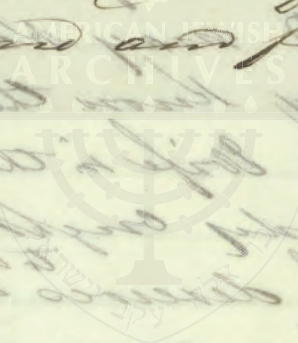


My dear, dear, good wife!

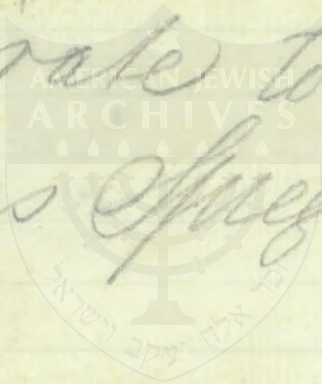
I thought it would please
you to say a few words
to your private, though I
really know of nothing but
the world may know, every
body may know that I have
the best wife in the world,
every body ought to know
that she deserves ^{to be} and that
I do love more every minute
of my life, every body may
know that our past life
has been one of uninterrupted
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Private to
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My dear, dear good Wife!

I thought it would please you to say a few words to you private, though I really know of nothing but the world may know. Every body may know that I have the best wife in the world; every body ought to know that she deserves to be and that I do love [her] more every minute of my live; every body may know that our past life has been one of uninterrupted comfort and pleasure; though frequently have I had my troubles, yet never I think have I forgot that I have the best Wife in the world, and endeavored to use her as such.

I now willingly subscribe to your doctrine that the more a man gets of certain things, the more he wants, and on the other hand if he has none and feels satisfied.

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