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De au still saying of Wiethshing falls I shall come home, and Son fall, and I might hereson Event that Event hampines don't look for me home at ance, for it take formed time to get a leaved of absence through and mon particularily will it he a little more twelle for me now, linee General Me flemand, who was a friend of morne, has been re mored On men General I do not as yet know, he is said to he a very Africk disciplinarion his name is Brd. But the last three weeks we are having Fearles and Orean Jeach Pie Blackberries and Pream, there times a day the how often have a wisked for you and the Children. Two weeks ago I son and Inchard of two hundredan fifty acres, nothing in but

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Sumpathize and if good Englay it Equally with me, but near mud it is done that her up. Hondo you live? I hope good Dont live Strucky, Dont be hankering for anything and you and the dear ones to line as well as anybody, god is Of Owne home and find out you Lave lived Strucking along, I that not be pleased. They friend Den told me to might that he worke to his Wife two weeks ago to go to Millershing and make your agramtance perhaps The das heen there and pechapo The May food come, lise her well and let me hear your Opinion of Rev. These very fuelly moonlight nights of set before my tent most Every might and look at the moon wondering wether yes thanks of one

what you might be doing and really I do Dome times forget myself and feel at home, I thenthe formitimes our ffrish (Thrughts) In their Wanderings meet. Don't Your thrild do dear? Ufter & get through I get up go in my tent take a long long book at the dear faces" then go to sleep with often dreamy you. I will look at the pretures now and dee honyow all look . \_\_ Good good all loost to pleasant 4 ceft Liggies appears a kind scrop to might. Would to God you were here or I there to wight Of that this accurred Wilellian might be grushed, peace restouch to our bushappy Country, Landthat the many good and the ment to arable sooman, husband noifes. Parents and Children In oft he united again there in peace. I do not believe that Ever

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Hd qrs 120<sup>th</sup> O.V.I. near Big Black Miss. July 1/63

My dear dear Wife.

I have written you a letter a few days ago which you will perhaps receive with this one inasmuch as this goes north with some of my discharged boys.

Of news I have little I am still hale and hearty and so is Brother Joseph & Sinsheimer the latter will start for St. Louis in a few days. Joseph will go next time when, he says, he will pay you a visit in Millersburg.

Our situation is as it was when last I wrote; we are fortifying and expecting the Rebels to attack us, which may happen in a few days; the latest reports say, that Johnstons Advance is within five miles of us. His Army is reported fifty thousand strong, yet I feel confident if he attacks us we can whip him. Vicksburg is not yet taken, very little firing to day. If we whip Johnston, Vicksburg will surrender; the only hope Pemberton has, is to be relieved by Johnston. We have St. Louis and Chicago Papers of the 26th and I must confess everything looks gloomy in Pensylvania; it seems Lee is bound to go to Philadelphia, My God, what is our Potomac Army doing. Would to God, President Lincoln would recall McClellan; he would make Lee pay dearly for his impudence.

Grant, Sherman and nearly every General here and I, though a much, much lesser light, would bet my life upon it.

I am still saying if Vicksburg falls I shall come home, and am still in great hopes that it will soon fall, and I might here say even if that event transpires, dont look for me home at once, for it takes some time to get a leave of absence through and more particularly will it be a little more trouble for me now, since General McClernand, who was a friend of mine, had been removed. Our new General I do not as yet know; he is said to be a very strict disciplinarian; his name is Ord. For the last three weeks we are having Peaches and Cream, Peach Pie, Blackberries and Cream, three times a day; Oh how often have I wished for you and the children. Two weeks ago I saw an Orchard of two hundred and fifty acres, nothing in but Peach trees of a dwarf nature & just as full as they could hang. It done my Eyes good to see such a sight; the trees were loaded with the golden fruit. Blackberries are here by the million; you can ride for miles at a time and the Bushes look perfectly black.

Joseph boards with us, though he has a cook & Sinsheimer often comes riding allmost starved to get a good meal. To day we settled our Bill for the months of June and living as we do & paying \$18 per month to our two cooks, our Bill was only Six Dollars per month for each. Aint that

cheap? I have not heard from you since the 9th but hope to get 2 or 3 tomorrow. I have not seen a Paper from Holmes

County since the 28th of December. I am sorry too; I would like to read the local news. I do wish you would put up one of each every week, put two "one cent" Stamps on the Bundle and send them to me. Oh by the way, DeSilva showed me to day a slip out of the Holmes Co Rep of the 18th with part of a letter from me to you; how dit that come in the Paper? I am sorry to see it; not that I take back one word I said in it, only that part which Lee said to me &c looks too much like Bragadocia, when in print and repeated by ones self. To you my love, you know I can say anything that happened to me, whether complimentary or otherwise for if bad, you would sympathize and if good enjoy it equally with me, but never mind it is done & let her up.

How do you live? I hope good. Don't live stinchy.

Don't be hankering for any thing and too "geitzig"

[stingy] to buy it. I want you and the dear ones to live as well as anybody, for if I come home and find out you have lived stinching along, I shall not be pleased. My friend Dean told me to night that he wrote to his Wife two weeks ago to go to Millersburg and make your acquaintance; perhaps she has been there and perhaps she may soon come; use her well and let me hear your

opinion of her. These very pretty moonlight nights I sit before my tent most every night and look at the moon wondering whether you think of me, what you might be doing and really I do sometimes forget myself and feel at home, I think sometimes our Spirits (Thoughts) in their wanderings meet. Dont you think so dear? After I get through I get up, go in my tent, take a long long look at the "dear faces", then go to sleep and often dream of you. I will look at the pictures now and see how you all look. AMERICAN JEWISH

Good, good, all look so pleasant except Lizzies appears a kind [of] cross to night. Would to God you were here or I there to night. Oh that this accursed Rebellion might be crushed, peace restored to our unhappy Country so that the many good and true men & noble woman, husbands & wifes, Parents and Children might be united again & live in peace. I do not believe that ever a greater sin was perpetrated in the Eyes of the Lord, than was by those, who brought about this State of affairs.

I hope the Holmes County War is successfully ended & no lives lost, though there might have been serious Results followed from so crazy undertakings. I hope that when I come home you will have some good "H[L?]andcaese" [cottage or pot cheese?] for me. I think I could enjoy some. My

love to my Hamlin, Lizzie, Mosey & Hattie. I want all of them to give you a good kiss for me and promise to be good children till Papa comes home, when they may all cut up and Papa will cut up with them. My love to Elizabeth, when will she be Mrs. Mc? My love to Cohn & family, Dr. Ebright and all. Dit Ebright get my letter?

Ever Ever your true,

Marcus



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Big Black Miss. July 4/63

My dear dear Wife!

This is a glorious day for our noble boys here; all of us feel wild with enthusiasm; our forces entered Vicksburg this A.M. We took 27,000 prisoners and 227 pieces of Artillery. The grandest Victory of modern history. We raised a Liberty Pole in my Regiment, made Speeches & hurrah &c.

My God, such a happy set of boys; this splits the Confederacy. I am only sorry we have to go further right off; it seems Jackson is our next place, Grant is determined to follow up his Victory. He is the greatest Chieftain of the Age; the boys worship him. I will have to postpone my going home until we get to some place where we stop awhile.

Such a fourth of July I never saw, without anything to drink and yet everybody wild.

God bless you
Your loving
Marcus

Web gre Devision Respula ser the Kear of Jackson Miss Dunday 19 4 63 My dear dear there [July 12, 1863] This morning I was very severely but not in the seast dangeroutif composed yet may left leg i by a shill a large flesh word of in the Crown Don't be sowed by reports, of and doing as well as & conto, I Serial for Brother Hoavy accel fort starthouse as soon as he Olmes I I ager fatisfied that under your Kind care of well he

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Hd. qrs. Division Hospital in the Rear of Jackson Miss.

Sunday 12th 63

[July 12 1863]

My dear dear Wife,

This morning I was very severely but not in the least dangerously wounded in my left leg, by a shell, a large flesh wound, in the groin. Dont be scared by reports; I am doing as well as I could. I sent for Brother Josey and will start home as soon as he comes & I am satisfied that under your kind care I will be able for duty in two months.

The enemy charged on me yesterday but I drove them splendidly and fearfully. Day before yesterday I opened the Ball. My wound is doing well, but from our own shell. I lost so far here 4 officers wounded & 14 men.

Good bye my love; I will see you soon, God willing. God bless you and the children.

Ever yours
Marcus

Ald grs Division Hos-fital hefore Jackson Miss May 15463 My dear dear good Wake This is the faunth day of my wound bead thank god of any doing Exceedings well, Of Expect to be able to be missed on an auchal ance to the 1st der the Com of two issection and when at the Riaco De campany per home gow symmet feel Easy my good tope, don't be discale aged, if I only were at home and had you attend to me I am patesfield would be well shouth. With gods help done an to be home soon auch with house much, and to tell

I think I had belle chan a bed in the big Korn below, don't gan? The worst thing is that I am comprethed to lay by my hould all the time of can and actione, wit mocke me hery treet Das Pomerice, Stanton, Been Steves un touter au with ande must all day hearines the may Direction of the Chys comes Every don, dan satisfied an malu could be taken Care better under the cir Cumstances than & god blessy on the children hope down to see your and to tried to write much Ever your true Macain

Hd qrs Division Hospital before Jackson Miss.

May [July] 15/63

My dear dear Wife!

This is the fourth day of my wound and thank God I am doing exceedingly well. I expect to be able to be moved in an ambulance to the River in the course of two weeks and when at the River I can easy get home. You must feel easy my good wife, dont be discouraged; if I only were at home and had you attend to me I am satisfied I would be well shortly.

With Gods help I mean to be home soon and will have much, much to tell you. I think I had better have a bed in the big Room below, dont you?

The worst thing is that I am compelled to lay on my back all the time & can not move; it makes me very tired.

Brother Joseph is with me. Drs. Pomerine, Stanton, Bern, Steveson & Ritter are with me most all day, besides the Medical Director of the Corps comes every day. I am satisfied no man could be taken care [of] better under the circumstances than I.

God bless you & the children; hope soon to see you.

Am to[o] tired to write much.

Ever your true

Marcus

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Home, where I know my dear wife & children are awaiting me with terrible anxiety & throbbing hearts. Home with all its blessings; there will I soon recover from my fearful wound. The kind caresses of a loving wife, the sympathizing smile and the pleasing words of my lovely Cary will help me more than all medical assistance.

Then you Generals &c, why in the name of God do you not hurry up my paper?