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Hd qrs 120<sup>th</sup> O.V.I.

Plaquemine La. Dec. 7/1863

My dear dear Wife and children!

I am satisfied you are uneasy & think it is not as it ought to be or perhaps think me derilict. It is true I might have written to you from N.O. [New Orleans] three days ago on my immediate arrival but when I tell you that it would have been such an one as I do not like to send, for when I came to New Orleans I had the severest sick Head Ache I have had for many years and as soon as I could stand up I started for the different Hospitals & then joined my boys, from which place I Now write.

The trip from N.Y. to N.O. would have been and unquestionably is a grand and sublime one for most of people, especially for those who are not light headed enough to be Sea Sick, but for me it was anything but pleasant for five days out of the eight I was as sick as I could well afford to be. The fair was fine and grant [grand] but I could not enjoy it. I intented you know to give you an elaborate discription of my journey but being below & sick most of my time I have not much to say.

In New Orleans I stayed a day and a half, mostly in the Hospitals looking after my men. I there learned that my Boys were in Plaquemine, La about 100 miles above N. Orleans

on my old friend the Miss. River. I left N.O. at 5 o clock in the Evening & arrived in camp about 5 o clock in the morning where I met on or two of the boys up. One of them [said], "helloh Col Spiegel oh but I am glad to see you" and in less then no time you could hear a trementeous comotion all along the Tents, such as "say, the old Col has come back" "Col Spiegel arrived" "I tell you by God he has come back," "where is he"; "Aint I glad though" & in less then no time I was surrounded by my whole command, everybody eager to shake hands & look at me, most of them in their Drawyers, some of them naked, none of them with a Hat or Cap, when someone proposed "three Cheers for the old Colonel" which were given with a yell so as to alarm the slumbering neighbors. It was a Scene long to be remembered, everybody felt good & I felt better. I truly feel proud of it.

The boat leaves. Plaquemine is a beautifull town on the Miss, the boys feel fine, better then I ever saw them & if we are permitted to stay here this Winter I shall say, glory.

Charly Hezer was here & will leave on the first boat, if he gets a Permit from the Custom House Officer in New Orleans, he will start business here. How are the Children? My love to Hamlin, Lizzy, Mosey & Hattie, my love to Elizabeth, is she married?

Your true & loving

Marcus

Joe & Sinsheimer are well



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New Orleans La. Dec. 13/63

My dear dear Cary & Children!

I just recd. your short Note written after the return of Cohn's journey from New York it was very short but sweet. The few words "Hattie knew your Picture" was as much as a whole history of Glory to me. I came here this A.M. from Plaquemine to assist Charley & Joseph in getting a Permit through to start a Store in Plaquemine I know not yet with what success. I somehow or other do not feel as well at home in the Army any more as I used to, many hours of night I lay & think of home, I frequently think I can hear you cry as you dit a certain night & say I know you dont care any thing about me, it startels me.

Caroline my love, I want some positive asurance of you, that you are not mad at me any more and if I ever done or said any thing to injure your feelings forgive me, forgive me, for God knows I love you as no man loves his wife. Write to me a long letter & say it is all right. If Charley & Josey succeeds they will make a nice thing.

I have written to New York for some more of those pictures most all my officers want them.

I am glad to hear the Children doing so well. The mail leaves at 3 o clock and it is half past two now.

God bless you. Ever your true

& ever dearly loving husband

Marcus



My dear good Kind Wije I have thought I would wait untill & should reciere a letter from you in I would write again, but inassumed as I have written three or gun and not recieved any get but the one from you and for gear that it might be some time ere my gattmate mail arises, and en wanting to let you wait to long I thought I had better write . how could de gut all that is a mike and dead and lordy to me, dont get disspirited my love Reep up comage, it seems to me one hay of the time & could see you look at merepuralfully and their left me' but my best of and their left me' but my best of dear dear good Wife my best of all don't ful discomaged you I have first an mich written whence vila anne delachere fame chergeants and go homet declusion

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My dear good & Kind Wife!

I have thought I would wait untill I should receive a letter from you ere I would write again, but inasmuch as I have written thrice or four and not received any yet but the one from you and for fear that it might be some time ere my fortunate mail arrives, and not wanting to let you wait so long I thought I had better write.

I am well but feel very lonesome how could I feel otherwise thousands of miles away from all that is near and dear and lovely to me. don't get dispirited my love. Keep up courage, it seems to me one day of the time I could see you look at me reproachfully saying <u>"that's what you done and then left me"</u> but my dear dear good Wife my best of all don't feel discouraged I will be home in time to stay with you.

I have just so much written when an order came detailing some Sergeants to go home & recruit

I can send the letter by chance they have only an [illegible] time.

God bless you, you will hear of me again soon. Good bye. Ever your true & loving & doting

## husband Marcus

My love to my dear Hamlin, Lizzie, Mosey & Hattie. God Bless them.