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My dear dear Wife & Children

I will be everfull not to write to "for hayist" this time so that you can not scold me again and yet I can not help right here in telling you that I am convinced mind you convinced that I have the best and truest little wife and sweetest and best-behaved Children in the world dont get "prochis" now for such are my conclusions and the more I see of others, the more I am convinced. — When I came to Columbus I found I was detailed on the very disagreeable duty of assisting in conducting recruits and recruits to their different Regiments I at once asked to be relieved but for Barbours full of red tape could not or would not do it.

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on Thursday I was relieved.

Friday I left in company with my puncture Sept Shannon who asked me to accompany him to Lima Allen Co and get the Passport Marshal Assistance for him.

By the way I must say here that I managed to get transportation to Cairo by way of Chicago via Baltimore.

At Lima we stopped 5 hours but could not do him any good & was also sorry to find our old friends Mr & Mrs Ellison away, burying old Mr Ellison in Marlborough.

Florence is as hateful as ever only more so she has grown considerably. Deb is at home and the same as she used to be only looks older and homelier having been very sick as we started on the train to Chicago. Mr & Mrs came home, they pressed me very much to stay but I had no time, they look as they always do - only Mrs Ellison looks very thin & pale, she told me she wrote you a letter but you never answered her, I told her I

I knew nothing about it, perhaps
you never read it.
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on his way home, I arrived in Chicago
Friday night found them all
well & all living together at home.
Michael rented a house close by them.
Mother is well & looks well. She is very
much down about me staying in
the Army & is also down she wants
to be "Gefattered" just time.

Henry Hart just arrived from
Germany looks well. I wrote a
long letter to Aunt in Worms, Henry
says I am happy & she says she
would give half her fortune to see
you and the children.

Goodman & Wife are well. Mrs
Guthman will write to you, he
wears a wig and I think looks
better he is getting old. Leopold Mayer
& family are well, Hermann looks
natural & so do the rest.

On the Cars here I saw a German
woman nurse a baby & every once in
a while she would take up a little girl
about five years old & throw the towel
over it & let her nurse.

This is about all the news.
I am going to day on the Steamboat
Hannibal. I can not get transportation
here I must pay for it and collect
it in New Orleans, I must draw
\$30 on Eos Brown & Co if you
have not the money then any more
place ~~the~~ "30 Thirty Dollars" up
there so that he will meet my
check when it comes.

Miss Ames came with me
from Chicago here she is here yet.
I will write to you as soon
as get down the river.

Rosellie is gone down. You must
start some letters for me right off.
I will not give you a chance
again to tell me an account
of not writing enough.

Give my love to my sweet
good children & tell them to be good
& learn & their Pa will soon be
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Yours true loving
Marcus
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