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Head Ors. 120th O.V.I.

Baton Rouge La April 10/64

My dear dear Wife and good Children,

You have ere this unquestionably received my letter from Cairo in which I stated all of Interest that had occurred since my departure from home as well as the fact that I would leave on the Steamer Hannibal for the Regt. You will see by the above that my Regiment moved from Plaquemine to this City Baton Rouge, the Capital of the State of Louisiana. MERICAN JEWISH

Here I arrived safe day before yesterday after a long monotonous and tedious trip; long because it was a very slow Boat, monotonous because the weather was so very unseasonable as to prevent any one almost from going outside of the Cabin, and tedious because I had heard at Memphis that my Regiment had been moved from Plaquemine, La, and gone up Red River but which subsequently proved false. The passengers on Board were generally a set of men who seemed interested by nothing except cards, which entertainment you know I dont practice and perhaps never dit. Eh?

Yet with all that I saw and got acquainted with four professional Gamblers, two and two in a set.

The first set were from Freeport, Ill[inois] a smart

low cunning set who would stoop to most any kind of meanness and the dirtiest kind of tricks even for five dollars and one of them I believe would cut a mans throat for \$10, if he could do it sneakingly; these two traveled from Cairo to Memphis.

The two latter were from New Orleans at present, got a Board at Memphis. I saw them fleece a fellow out of nine hundred (\$900) Dollars in about two hours. They are fine looking fellows, good countenances; indeed one had a large blue eye, an open face & splendid smile, but a perfect Master of the Art. His name is Eagle and he was raised in Wayne Co. allthough I dit not play & told him I could see him do it, he took quite a fancy to me, was very kind & said he honored and respected a Gentleman who would not play any Cards at all. In Natchez we stopped a few hours; we walked up town, Dr. Gill, my new Asst Surgeon who came with me, a Mr. Wentworth & that man, coming by a show window in which stood some very nice toys, among them some Ladies Toilet Boxes being an imitation of a bowl full of Gold Coin, I remarked "that is very pretty;" he went in, asked the price, \$8.50, pulled out his Pocket Book & paid for it, handed it to me. I at first refused but he insisted and wanted me to select anything else I liked but of course I would not take anything else. I will bring the Box home if I do not lose it.

He went to New Orleans & I suppose will "cheat" some poor

devil out of one hundred times that amount. I mentioned these things as a matter of "news" and "experience".

We stopped and wooded at "Youngs Point" nearly opposite the place and within one hundred yards of where I was stationed in Feby '63, and when I looked over the many, many graves and thought of the brave and noble fellows whose ambition ended there by becoming victims of the malarious "Swamp", I felt sad.

At Vicksburg I looked over the many ravines & Hills, the rifle pits, forts and abatises and felt proud that I also done my might in aiding to rescue that "Gibraldar" from the hands of the Enemy. At Bruins Landing I saw the very spot where my Regiment disembarked the day before the Battle of "Thompson's Hill".

I landed here and found my [regiment] pleasantly situated here at the West End of the City by the penitentiary, a powerfull and commodious Building. My Boys were happy indeed and I received a cordial and warm reception such as King could feel proud of. The first night at about 12 o'clock I was serenaded by a new and excellent "String Band" formed in my Regiment since my absence, "Auch so good nice die Elizabeth". Though I am sorry to say the Regiment is not as healthy as it was at Plaquemine; though nothing serious yet, we have flux and fever.

This certainly was a beautiful and thriving City before this Cruel War. The State House, a magnificent as well as Gigantic structure, is situated on as lovely and romantic a spot as you could wish to see, on an eminent slope on the Banks of the Miss[issippi] surrounded by an ornamented yard, of all the tropical flowers and shrubbery; I can not describe it to you, only let me say it is really grant, though the inside of that once beautiful building is all burnt out. The Arsenal, the blind and deaf and dumb asylums and the U.S. Hospital are all monuments of Beauty and former Prosperity.

The City in itself is nothing very grant. The Stores & places of Business are but indifferent; would not [compare] for style and beauty with those in Wooster; they would perhaps with Millersburg.

The Dwelling houses are generally the plain true

Southern style; square, large & high Room, and very wide

Porches on each story and on every side of the house. People I

know but few as Yet. Brother Joseph and Sinsheimer are in

New Orleans; I have not seen them yet.

I understand the Boat leaves for St. Louis & I must close if the boat does not get untill to morrow I will write again this Eve. My love to the Children, tell them to be good and learn. The weather is awful hot. Tell Cohn to

send my clothing my respect to him & family my love to Elizabeth & all.

Ever your loving & true

Marcus



Holl gro 120th Da. J. Batin Ronge. La Upril 20/14 My dear dear Mife. This is the 4th letter of Send to your since my anival here & as yet Il have recieved mone front you which makes me feel formentat emeasy. get a have out written to you as often as I would if god had better mail gacilities, though theamboaks pass here frequently as thigh as 4 proday and get it is not unusual for en to be ten days without being able to receive as Send away a mail Owing alltogether to the hearties of the bull Department Since my arrival here & have been hussied than I had previously heen for a year, and working very Landwith my Regiment and I am dappy to labor. Tor a meet part me lad to sine at the Early peep of dawing about lay past 3 o closell A. In and and ordered to remain, under

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Baton Rouge La. April 20/64

My dear dear Wife

This is the  $4^{\rm th}$  letter I send to you since my arrival here & as yet I have received none from you which makes me feel somewhat uneasy.

Yet I have not written to you as often as I would if we had better mail facilities, though Steamboats pass here frequently as high as 4 per day and yet it is not unusual for us to be ten days without being able to receive or send away a mail. Owing alltogether to the beauties of the Gulf Department.

Since my arrival here I have been busier than I had previously been for a year; am working very hard with my Regiment and I am happy to say the fruits show worthy of the labor - For a week past we had to rise at the early "peep of dawn" about half past 3 o'clock A.M. and are ordered to remain under arms untill after "Sunrise" owing to a big "scare" they get up in this town about twice a month, lasting from the morning of the 1st to the Evening of the 15th & the 2nd scare from the morn of the 15th to the Eve of the last of the month.

It being very damp from dawn till Sunup and unpleasant to let the men stand still, I drill them till after "Sunrise"; at

7 o'clock Breakfast, at half past 7 Guard Mounting. At nine I drill till elevel:1; at one I have Inspection, from three to five Battalion drill, at 6 Dress parade, from 7 to 9 in the evening I have Officers School, so you see I am hard to work. I feel well on it, only I have a very severe rheumatic pain in the small of my back, which troubles me to rise when I am sitting down.

My Regiment never looked better than it does now, every-body compliments me on them. I have scarcely been out of Camp since I am here; only after Dress parade we ride a half hour, Dr. Stanton, Dr. Gill and myself.

Dr. Gill is my new assistant, an excellent young man, and we all like him well. A very pleasant little affair took place night before last. As I was quietly laying on my couch, preparing my lesson for the next day School, my door was opened and in came Captains Jones, Frowenfelder and Miller; Jones commencing to make a speech presenting me with a beautiful "Meershamm pipe" worth about \$50, a beautiful Present indeed. I was taken by surprise truly, yet I rallied and made (they say) a very good reply. It is just what I allways wanted. I shall send it home to have it taken care of, and let us hope that when in after years I sit by my own fireside surrounded by my true and loving wife, my good children, smoking my "meersham", I may be able to enjoy with you, my love, the comforts of life

due to us and tell you many a little tale of my military campayne, and may the days be many and happy ones for all of us.

Uncle Josey and Sinsheimer are here but not doing much.

Uncle Josey attends every drill and parade and watches it with as much interest and joy as though it was a family affair.

How are all our dear children? Are they doing as well as they were? Do they study well? and behave as good as when I was at home? Does Hatty know me yet? And how is Henry Sherman Spiegel? Fine I hope. You must write often and write me everything and tell me how everything is going. I bought a horse here, a black fine horse, for \$250; I am offered \$350 for him. If Charley was here I think I would sell him (that is the black). Is Charley Herzer at home? Are my new clothing done? I would very much like to have them.

We suffered a very severe defeat at Red River, lost 22 Guns, 250 Wagons & 3500 men. I should not be surprised if our Brigade would be moved. I send this letter by a young man going to Ohio. Good bye my love. God Bless you.

Your true & loving
Marcus

Head Quarters 120th OVel Baton Ronge' La april 33/64 My dear dear lary! I got your very good and Kind letter (fuel of twoller) yesterday and must pay & had to table a good and hearty laugh over it poor Girl Do munch twalle it peems then that Elizabeth and the cistern both cared ind" at once only the permedies are different, while the former unquestionally will precience further, Excavation "the latter will have to be fifted up so it goes in life, like praladies to dig hartees need frequently quite diff cine. Well, well, the reason If laughed was because Deonts Dee you in all your houbles for hattrial in your letter

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Volilier than a ferrant. Muche Josey to Very well, hat furtemmer is gente inwell, - Miche Josey goes up Red Kever both me when do . You must lell Hamlin that he must be a good boy Everybody that Ever sawhin speaks of him as a good bay and a little Gentleman. Liggie of Comse is a good Line & mosey is Out his gest little bag does Hattie Know me get! I send you a lot of Orothers will fend you more Lown. Send you on of more taken in Magnemme Grand here. he fold 400 of them at soch a price, I have the fruit Home you ever son for a buggy home he is very large pleavy, black Horse, I had him in a bugge the atter hight, Every bady can derne from Oldjen Adger,

Head Quarters 120<sup>th</sup> O.V.I.

Baton Rouge La April 23/64

My dear dear Cary!

I got your very good and Kind letter (full of troubles) yesterday and must say I had to take a good and hearty laugh over it poor Girl so much trouble it seems then that Elizabeth and the cistern both "caved in" at once, only the remedies are different: while the former unquestionably will receive further "excavation", the latter will have to be filled up; so it goes in life, like maladies to dif[ferent] parties need frequently quite different cure. Well, well, the reason I laughed was because I could see you in all your troubles so natural in your letter. I am really glad the cistern caved without an accident for I never liked it where it was and as you request I agree to be saving enough to make up for the "unexpected expense." I am indeed glad Elizabeth is married; it certainly takes a heavy responsibility from yus and we can truly congratulate us inasmuch as we married her off well. I will write her a maseltof [congratulatory] letter. You must not do the work yourself, by no means. Get a Girl and I promise upon my honor that I will save two Dollars per week which I can easy do. I will never forgive you or myself if you should get sick on account of working too hard; do get a Girl and a good one and do not look

to a half Dollar more or less per week. Now do this <u>at once</u>, I order it Himmell [heaven].

I have this morning written a letter to Julia & also one to Charles and send him my picture. I do not see any reason why we should be "proches" when last I saw them (as well as first) they treated me very kind and injured me none since. Aint I right? I will also write to Martha to day. Shall be very glad to get my new Clothes as mine are beginning to look very shabby, yet inasmuch as we have marching Orders for Red River I am not so very particular as I would have been if we stayed here.

I would really have liked could we have been permitted to stay here awhile longer, not but in fact my force is in the field, yet for reasons of the health of new recruits. Should have preferred staying here, but the Eastern troops got whipped up Red River and we Western boys will be relieved here from Garrisson duty by them and go and perhaps retrieve the defeat they sustained.

We may not however start for a week or so. I understand McClernand is to take Command of the Expedition; if so I look to the result as a Success, as allmost forgone conclusions.

Here we expected an attack; were up early, two hours before day every morning & under Arms, but I never felt there was any use for it, but our old General "Philip St. George Cooke,

Brig[adier] Genl, U.S.A." is an Alarmist and regular old Granny but a clever Gentleman.

When we leave here we go to Alexandria and should not be surprised, if we were successful, but I might someday or other write you a letter from Texas, i.e. Galveston.

I would really like to get there. In the meantime will keep you posted of all our maneuvers, fads, prospects and doings and you must not be uneasy on account of me for I feel allmost assured "all will go well" and that with the favors of a kind providence our mutual happiness and bliss will be furthered by it. God grant all for the best.

My prayers, wishes, hopes, fears, all center in you my love. I think I know and appreciate you, and I feel and know that ere long we can enjoy the comforts of marriage life and respectable & well to do folks, together in the circle of our dear good children and be happy.

I received a very kind and encouraging letter from Simon Wolf giving me positive assurance that I will be "Starred" though it takes time, perseverance, money and pluck, but he says it shall be done. I will send you the letter as soon as I answered it. Petitions will flow into Washington on my behalf. I think and all will be right; then you will be "Generalin" [a General's wife]. News I have but little if any to communicate to you. I am to work harter than ever I have for a year past,

studdeying and drilling & I can see the effects. Would to God you could see it; I am satisfied you would feel proud, even if you would not say it.

This is Shabbath and I am invited to a regular Shabbath Dinner at Mrs. Baer, a Jewish widow here; a place that would seem very pleasant to go to if it were not for 6 as mean children as I ever saw. The woman is as near Harriet (of Michael) Joseph only about 10 years older in looks, as any two persons I ever saw in looks and appearance, only this Lady is [as] thoroughly educated in French, German as [in] English, but for all the world like Yette. She has a Store, is making money. It is a place of resort for Dinner &c for the Union Officers & of course she is smart enough to get permits &c for them to send Goods out. That finishes all my acquaintances here. Roselles is making a fine Soldier; he is well liked and in a good Company. I prefer letting him learn to drill and make Soldier than a Servant. Uncle Josey is very well but Sinsheimer is quite unwell. Uncle Josey goes up Red River with me when I go. You must tell Hamlin that he must be a good boy everybody that ever saw him speaks of him as a good boy and a little Gentleman. Lizzie of course is a good Girl & Mosey is Pa's biggest little boy, does Hattie know me yet?

I send you a lot of Pictures will send you more soon.

Send you one of mine taken in Plaquemine & send here. He sold 400 of them at 50¢ a piece, I have the finest horse you ever saw for a buggy horse he is very large, heavy, black Horse, I had him in a buggy the other night, every body can drive him, Adjieu Adjieu

Your true & loving

Marcus



Daton Honge La April 27/4 My dear good Caroline! long better carne together With yours of the I wel finaked up in the Clothing and must pay it made me feel full of love and admiration and were if not that & general a bestime from I would write you a real as your call it, ferhagist " letter, but you would give me a lecture on it a gain. - Well to begin of had to day one of those Amyscal oferations Suformed Which & have so often to undergo which before it was cut where prevented me from Dething down I could Walk, the Ride Horsehack but not fit. I had to take my meals flanding The min fruit is the best fit I ever had of Cohr or anyone else, & Wore it once on Dusparade, but

as you desire, take very good care of it, and I will fromise you that When you and the Children come down here this fall to Opent the winter, the first fall be in good condition yet to act, the chevalied with my boely & good Mije. God Day in absence from home loose the claus of home " fetts you thinking formationes I do not think my dead Wife, that it Should or ought, if I would think that my sweet home, with all its to me lovely farroundings, with the leaving loving hearts Could loved love its channs Of would wish to cease to live. Would to God you could hear me en all vecasions and under all circum. Atomes Speak of my Wife, and ungthing and my home as know the feeling of my heart and thought would never pered Entertain from in your heart. Of prade my feel gad when I read it, but I have you ment not to

Well the Children that & feel Very happy indeed to Know they are doing to well, tell Hamlin not to feel discouraged even if Liggie leats this in a Headmack as tow spelling is only one Branch of Bussiness and he may efeell in many other things and Branches and tell hind that Captain Bed Jones and all those who saw and know him Day that he is the wicest little Gentleman Boy they ever pan and if me live and They in this Department tell Fall he may come down poith you and ene Spent the whole winter logether. There and Officers here who hand their Wifes and Eight Children hew. I do not think me shall have quite as many this winter. Tell Diggie Chat I have not get been in all deleans for her prano, and much pleased with her Heeping Gead, that is the tray to do she is the Gul far the Morey much be a good bay and stay in the House and

much his ma if he does I will bing chin something real mice, if eart I will not bring hind anything for punt not let my dearest Hally forget hed Pa Pa Du de jumem her ded Of is so pleasing to head & he able to talk only good of his Children, Foor Tient Col. flocum who only lately Carne herd, Thole a five hundred Tollar Check and Jold it Columbia and ran If & if they catch him, he will be ful in the Territeration, the bay is only 12 years old, the Ableal who gleeps in the next tent to me laments and out most all night, if any of my Children wantel de se diez graceful a trick and ach mean whereby their Ta and ma would come to shame, I would pray to Gast to be Killed in the fint Battle parties then line to see them ayand, but thanks Gad I gear not, my children an good Children

and honest they will not tell any lie and take Even the least little thing that the does not belong to Them. You need not fear of mother coming if do not come for der the will not come. so you can be easy on that some. I do not know yet wether I can come an not of Know onething howered and that is " if a can, I will cost what may" Much Josey hargone to bieksburg to get her mission to start a Store, I will git the ancomy matter all right In one thing I chave changed and that is it used to make me feel bad when you betweed me about being swoning and careful, but won it pleases me and I hope you will do en " lightly" in all your letters, I am fine it has a good influence and & permise you to be as faving as I can consistently with my station if you agreed to get a good bill and stines for younds, I will safe all you freud in getting just what you

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yet, tell them to write to me, from things stand, Dans and ions to Know, Gaselles is morting a fine Soldier To is mith Maller odving June the drills well and like it The weather here is very hat, as hat as it is in this in Inly everything is in full growth two get heaves new Votatues & any Kind of Vegetables and hiving is very good but not near as good as it ever

My dear good Caroline!

Your very good kind sweet and long letter came together with yours of the 2<sup>nd</sup> packed up in the Clothing and I must say it made me feel full of love and admiration and were it not that I feared a lecture from [you] I would write you a real as you call it "ferhayist" [excited] letter, but you would give me a lecture on it again.—Well to begin I had to day one of those surgical operations performed which I have so often to undergo, which before it was cut open prevented me from sitting down, I could walk, ride Horseback, but not sit. I had to take my meals standing.

The new suit is the best fit I ever had of Cohn or anyone else. I wore it once on Dressparade, but as you desire, take very good care of it, and I will promise you that when you and the Children come down here this fall to spent the winter, the suit shall be in good condition yet to act "the chevalier" with my lovely & good Wife. You say in your letter reading of "men whose absence from home loose the charms of home" setts you thinking sometimes I do not think my dear Wife, that it should or ought, if I would think that my sweet home with all its to me lovely surroundings, with the many loving hearts could ever loose its charms I would wish to cease to live.

Would to God you could hear me on all occasions and under all circumstances speak of <u>my Wife</u> and my Children and my home or know the feelings of my heart and thought would never never entertain room in your heart. It made me feel sad when I read it, but I know you ment not to hurt me.

Tell the children that I feel very happy indeed to know they are doing so well, tell Hamlin not to feel discouraged even if Lizzie beats him in a Headmark or two spelling is only one Branch of Bussiness and he may excell in many other things and Branches and tell him that Captain Ben Jones and all those who saw and know him say that he is the nicest little Gentleman Boy they ever saw and if we live and stay in this Department till Fall he may come down with you and we spent the whole winter together. There are Officers here who have their Wifes and eight Children here. I do not think we shall have quite as many this winter. Tell Lizzie that I have not yet been in New Orleans for her piano, I am much pleased with her keeping head, that is the way to do she is the Girl for me.

Mosey must be a good boy and stay in the House and mind his ma, if he does I will bring him something real nice, if not I will not bring him anything. You must not let my dearest Hatty forget her Pa Pa I remember her well.

It is so pleasing to hear & be able to talk only good of his children, Poor Lieut. Col. Slocum who only lately came here, his Son stole a five hundred Dollar Check and sold it in Columbus and ran off & if they catch him, he will be put in the Penitentiary, the boy is only 12 years old, the Lt Col who sleeps in the next tent to me laments and crys most all night, if any of my Children would do so disgraceful a trick or act mean whereby their Pa and Ma would come to shame, I would pray to God to be killed in the first Battle rather then live to see them again, but thank God I fear not, my children are good children and honest and they will not tell any lie or take even the least little thing that does not belong to them.

You need not fear of mother coming if I do not come for her she will not come so you can be easy on that score.

I do not know yet wether I can come or not I know onething however and that is "if I can, I will, cost what may."

Uncle Josey has gone to Vicksburg to get permission to start a Store, I will fix the Ancony matter all right.

In one thing I have changed and that is it used to make me feel bad when you lectured me about being saving and careful, but now it pleases me and I hope you will do so

"lightly" in all your letters, I am sure it has a good influence and I promise you to be as saving as I can consistently with my station if you agree to get a good Girl and [not?) "stinch" for yourself, I will save all you spend in getting just what you want.

I send you again a few Pictures and I hope you will by and by get familiar with every face in the Regiment, they are truly good boys I love them and I believe the feeling is mutual.

Our new asst. Surgeon Dr. Gill is a real fine fellow, we could not have found one any place to do the Regt. & our "mess" better, he is as all of us "Gentleman born".

General McClernand & Staff passed here the other day to go up Red River and if possible retrieve the great disaster we sustained up there, by the utter & gross inefficiency of Genl. Banks, perhaps since the first Bull Run fight we have not sustained so disgraceful a defeat as we lit up Red River, Our Army is demoralized and disheartened up there & if Banks is not removed I know not what will follow. He pays more attention to Secesh and Cotton Speculators to please them then he does military, the former he can do the latter he is utterly incompetent to fill, he is a good politician but not worth a pinch of snuff as a Soldier. —

We are ordered up Red River and are awaiting

transportation, I hope by the time we get up there we may have Genl. Jno. A. McClernand command the Dept. I have no doubt the next letter you get from me will be written on board of the Transport on our way up the River.

In this City there is nothing new, I marched the Regt. on Parade through the City day before yesterday and we were highly complimented by everybody.

I wish I had Charley here, I believe I could get a thousand Dollars for him here, as soon as one of my Officers goes home I shall send for him. I hope Lemmon has him again.

Has Charley Herzer got home yet, tell them to write to me, how things stand, I am anxious to know Roselles is making a fine Soldier he is with Miller & doing fine, he drills well and likes it well.

The weather here is very hot, as hot as it is in Ohio in July, everything is in full growth & we get beans new Potatoes & any kind of Vegetables our living is very good but not near as good as it was some time

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