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Camp Genion Near Parkersburg Va Oct 26 A. D. 1862 Dear Friendy I am well, all are well except Charley Vanhorne who has the fever & Dave Sins aboug who is slightly sick or was, But is getting setter Des Me Mellen was sick with ague But is Better baper bary It Black & are in one sede of a tent Cape Sello at Nork & at Sells " " lother " " The Same Thave a hand hunk; all necessary things . pertaining to Camplefe udeed. This day has been rang Sleety. Last night we slept nice and warm with our guns on some straw then putous blankets over us. Black slept in the middle he has a bad cold he caught it on quard night before last. I was down at the run watching our stores with Some men. about 10 9.16. WE got a relief & went to Camp about 2 miles On the other Side of Parkers burg from the river We had a lall time to day in the ram. We chopp wood & carried it then filed it and divided it

Cesterday laps sells lost a man. How we dont ting along well. Dave Linsabaugh is getting Know. But he has not been heard of since lots better. The men have no stoves. But have we sent out Scounts all round. Igot a have plenty of wood. I they have good fires WE sack yesterday in town for 1.5 oft is made of have 5 good tents to a Caston ang. We Oil cloth & has two pockets. We have plenty beat have one tent to Gofficers. The tents are Called Gesterday some of the men Killed a calf & the "Bell Tents". We have our Cump in a nice grove owner came to the Colonel & complained about With a well for our water but we do not use it & to there was One quarter of Said Calf in the it now. We are m Wood bounty. Shey have Colonel's lent. And also the quarter master got a beautiful Court house in this town. We think a chicken and some one stole it the reported the inhabitants are mostly Secesh. This to Let bol Bushfield when lo! said bol had accounts for the Bush Whackers. Our men do not yet as mang passes her as taken it I when Let bol came to look for it they did. It Laves lots of paper. Capn Telipin Gordon had taken it & soon anothe Bary Says of I had staid in gamesville Camp fellow Slot the said chicken from Laid Cape much longer I would have run out of hapen The men claim that they have a right to which government furnished mi' defend Themselves they say they won't sland Well this is a hard Country. We are going still and allow the caloes figs and heres to bite them. They claim they wont fland to the mountains I think, Such things & when pullets bite them they The Boys are writing many letters how to day. Milroy has lelegrapsed to Ball to will defend themselves against all such Enemces whatsoever, Col Ball is liked Come to the Big Hendescous Do. Resamy is a noble fellow. Hen Fucker Well Full write mon Soon is a first rate fellow, Well Caletwell is get

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October 26, 1862

Addressed to William Armstrong, Esq.

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Muskingum County, Ohio

Camp Union Near Parkersburg Va

Oct 26 A.D 1682

Dear Family,

I am well. All are well except Charley Vanhorne whom has the fever & Dave Sensibaugh who is slightly sick or was. But is getting better. Geo McMillen was sick with agur but is better. Capn Gary, Lt Black, & I are in one side of a tent. Capn Sells, Lt. Work, & Lt Sells are in \_\_\_\_\_ this side of the same. I have a hand trunk; all necessary things, pertaining to camp life indeed.

This day has been rainy, sleety. Last night we slept nice and warm with our guns on some straw then put our blankets over us. Black slept in the middle; he has a bad cold. He caught it on guard duty night before last.

I was down at the river watching our stores with some men about 10 P.M. We got relief & went to camp about 2 miles on the other side of Parkersburg form the river. We had a tall time today in the rain. We chopped wood & carried it, then piled it and divided among the men.

Yesterday, Capn Sells lost a man. How we don't know. But he has not been heard of since we sent out scouts all round.

I got a have sack yesterday in town for \$1.50. It is made of oil cloth & has two pockets. We have plenty to eat. Yesterday some of the men killed a calf & the owner came to the Colonel & complained about it & lo there was one quarter of said calf in the Colonel's tent. And also the quarter master got a chicken and some one stole it, he reported to Lt Col Bushfield when lo, Col had taken it & when Lt Col came down to look for it Capn Gordon has taken it & soon another fellow stole the stole the said chicken from said Capn.

The men say they have a right to defend themselves. They say they won't stand still and allow the caloes pigs and hens to bite them. They claim they won't stand such things & when pullets bite them they will defend themselves against all such enemies whatsoever.

Co. Ball is liked. Dr. Reamy is a noble fellow. Heen Tucker is a first rate fellow. Will Caldwell is getting along well. Dave Sensibaugh is getting lots better. The men have no stoves, but have plenty of wood & they have good fires. We have five good tents to a company. We have one tent to 6 officers. The tents are called "Bell Tents." We have our Camp in a nice grove with a well for water but we do not use it now. We are in Wood County. They have a beautiful courthouse in this town. We think the inhabitants are mostly Secesh. This accounts for the Bush Whackers.

Our men do not get as many passes here as they did. It saves lots of paper. Capn Gary says, "If I had stayed in Zanesville Camp much longer, I would have run out of paper which government furnished me."

Well this is a hard country. We are going to the mountains I think. They boys are writing many letters home today. Milroy has telegraphed to Ball to come to the Big Rendezvous.

Well I will write more soon. Write to me soon.

Fare well

Thos S Armstrong

Care Col. W.H. Ball

122d Reg O.V.I.

Parkersburg Va