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I can get my like ness lake her on a plate and can Lend it Camp hear Winches ter Va. Dear Brother Jacob The conjum wel come letter of The 11th on the 15-th postmarked the 12th. making the buf mi 3 Days. I had almost come to the conclusion That you had forgotten me as I had not heard from you sance Stephen fan Kirk Cam & he came the 20% of lust month, I was very glad to hear from you & to hear That you are well tho you sid not day whether to rest of the family over well or not. I look I for granted That you were all well or you would have I poken of it. I am glud you got the money I dent home and "all right side up with care" "didn't Suppose that you ever got Strapt Theep her chards, who sell wees I buck lambs for \$ 30. aprice Jam glad The pheep business as good " I should like to been at Ear's church at the series of neetings also at the oyster Supper at "The Penion" I under stand How Lu, and Chlor are to be married. It hast is The report air Surmisings & Should like to be at the "In con meeting" ad Norwich Where The Prace Semocrate well be competition

I was sorry to hear from the 78 That bo & har 100 Sast might was snow & Sleety and bely 2 mois ago & now muster 27 men! . Idont changreeable We had a sick boy in our tent he was brought in from No 1 He has a Throw how long the Kabels may Sland it yet well shall be to get some butter from the took you as flety for it goes well send me the cost and the express age IC when you bendit as Slight allack of Lyphord Lever We sent him when he will have a nice room and better Heep an a count of it and charge our thess for is yester day two more Rights came here they are from Harkers ferry to 6th mary land coop modations that we can have her in the tents, yesterday at 11 o clock before Inc & I went Down to Wyn chesty and church loe look a high feat in this and The 67 Fennsylvair a Infantry light We are in The 1st Brig are Commanded by Brig. "amen corne" on the left as you go in aty The feft Door! We heads a good Dermon from In. Elli M. I don't know how many men Just 7 months of have been in the 122 ene have but we have 4 Infantry Reg to the 110 116 122 8 123, three Cavaly Right the 1 St New York 128 13 Pa Right and Carlins Buttery then add 3. mo's & 5 days this Dwas in of 6 pieces of Strong Brigade you Lee Ohig Just hes the Justinety. WE were and that Over I year of speciet in any to give the 87 Prom. & 12 Val pegts have to move they are listed Service well & Think he ought to give the 87 Prom. & 12 Val pegts have to move they are listed for heavy mother of seens ion first for heavy furnishes the Infantry. We will undow blilly The 78 & Ut makes 5-+7 = 12 months & 5 day to mother of duch a Long. Well down blace this place is designed to hold or know het the Ballo & Chio P. A. Len melroy is a maj General now & Rend you Love kie tires of him & others Sout you think been. of the hoys buy than the officers go for the mone but I can bruly day than when I efic go in The last time, had to study a while he cause had been gust dis charged from the Dervice Jors is a noble Looking man. I do the when before had been a private then a looks like some of the Rebolu Gonary Heroes, Do you row get to See any of may see a des crip hon of Seen Samele morgans grave Corporal then a sergeauft & now & hotel a commission as a Deentenant whether there weers not many things to cause me to think that kerhofts I would be more our expense in Eastern Wenchester Just you hint out his protun in the Revolution and Book By to the government It is a help but thank The officer book whom me as a young hear Benson & Cassing you will find what he post yourself and is well by The hou Deal of Gent Black and Instell untrum Black Slands high in ble. I tell byou I alway's had a mer The Eyes of the Reguneral Comman his and is an energhee fellow with a like true Frish makes him a good officer the is always young to and I brunk by the graves of heroes & to halk over the fields of Buttle when The destines of halions have been arbitrated by

They health is pretty good I weigh over easy times nothing very hard to do Drill a little. Diel Rathe Lu Caper Lan, 2. Why Du. not you write the what Alram & matilder wrate you to hear from their Loon Leve you a priction of melros The the hulron to Chlor of Lipspert for her galburn & tell her I make her a present with soon if this gets to your bufon you send your son find me They love to Fathe mother & all the rest. I will work to you Soon. When you get The letters devite in The Gourne Just lake can of them or past then In a Book prepare for their my love to all Jour Bro T & Armstrag

Muskingum Co.



March 16, 1863

Addressed to J.G. Armstrong

Norwich, Muskingum County, Ohio

Camp near Winchester Va.

Mon, March 16th AD 1863

Dear Brother Jacob

I rec'd your welcome letter of the 11th on the 15th, postmarked the 12th making the trip in 3 days. I had almost come to the conclusion that you had forgotten me as I had not heard from you since Stephen Van Kirk came & he came on the 20th of last month. I was very glad to hear from you & to hear that you are well tho you did not say whether the rest of the family were well or not. I took it for granted that you were all well or you would have spoken of it.

I am glad you got the money I sent home and "all right ____ up with care." I don't suppose that you ever got Strapt. Sheep merchants, who sell ewes & black lambs for \$50 apiece." I am glad to hear the sheep business is good.

I should have liked to have been at Car's church at the series of meetings; also at the oyster supper at the Union. I understand that Lee and Chloe are to be married. What is the report and surmisings. I should like to be at the Union Meeting at Norwich where the Peace Democrats will be all used up.

I was sorry to hear from the 78 that Co. F had 100 2 months ago & Now muster 27 men. I don't know how long the Rebels may stand it yet we shall be glad to get some butter from you as I tell you it goes well. Send me the cost and expressage etc when you send it and keep an account of it and charge our mess for it.

Yesterday two more Regts came here. They are from Harpers Ferry the 6th Maryland and the 67 Pennsylvania Infantry Regts. We are in the 1st Brigade commanded by Brig Gen Elliott. I don't know how many men we have but we have 4 infantry Regts, the 110, 116, 122, 123, the cavalry regts, the 1st New York, 12 & 13 Pa Regts and Carlins battery of 6 pieces. A strong brigade you see. Ohio furnishes the infantry. We will undoubtedly see service before long. But I understand that the 87 Penn & 12 Va have to move (they are beside us) to give room for the new Ohio Regts & this looks as if we were to stay here and hold this place. This place is designed to hold or protect the Balto & Ohio R.R. Gen Milroy is a Maj. General now. I send you some pictures of him & others. Don't you think Lee is a noble looking man. I do. He looks like some of the Revolutionary heroes.

Do you ever get to see any of my letters in the Courier? If so, you may see a description of Gen Daniel Morgan's grave in eastern Winchester. Just you hunt out his picture in the Revolution any book by Benson J. Leassing you will find what he did in the Revolution. Just get it and ______ yourself and it will pay the trouble.

I tell you I always had a nice and longing desire to travel and to stand by the graves of heroes & walk over the fields of battle when the destinies of nations have been arbitrated by the sword.

Last night was snow & sleety and very disagreeable. We had a sick boy in our tent, he was brought from No. 1. He has a slight attack of Typhoid fever. We sent him to the hospital in Winchester this morning where he will have a nice room and better accommodations than we can have here in the tents. Yesterday at 11 o'clock Jeff MC & I went down to Manchester and attended church at the Lutheran Church. We took a high seat in the synagogue. We sat on the 2 seats ____ "amen corner" on the left as you go in at the left door. We heard a good sermon from the parson.

Well Jacob, today makes just 7 months I have been in the 122 then add 3 mos. and 5 days that I was in the 78 makes it 5 + 7 = 12 months & 5 days. Over 1 year I spent in Uncle Sam's service. Well I think he ought to give mother a pension just for being the mother of such a son. Well some of the boys say that the officers go for the money but I can truly say that when I did go in the last time I had to study a while because I had just been discharged from the service where before I had been a private then a corporal then a sergeant & now I hold a commission as a Lieutenant whether there were not many things to cause me to think that perhaps I would be more an example to the government _____ a help but thank God I have been of some account. The officers look upon me as a young man of reliability. Capn Gary thinks a great deal of Lieut Black and myself. Lieutenant Black stands high in the regard of the Regimental Commanders and is an energetic fellow with a true Irish independence & business like ____ that makes him a good officer. He is always going. He and I bunk together.

My health is pretty good. I weigh over 160 lbs the other day. We have rather easy times, nothing very hard to do, drill a little. Did Father see Capn Gary? Why did you not write me what Abram and Matilda write you. Tell them I should like to hear from them. Soon I send you a picture of Milroy with my colonelcy. You may give the other Milroy to Chloe A. Lippett for her album & tell her I make her a present of it. Well you must write soon. If this gets to you before you send your box, send me Lassings History of the United States.

My love to Father, Mother & all the rest. I will write to you soon. When you get the letters I write in the Courier just take care of them and paste them in a book prepared for them.

My love to all.

Your Bro.

T S Armstrong