

Our wife from one package and have not
received an answer yet. Tell them to
hurry up their cases

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I Dear Brother

I take my pen in
hand to write you a few lines, and
let you know how things go in camp.
this morning We were awakened by
the report of a large brass cannon that
shook the buildings to their foundations.
we then got up and spread our ^{beds} ~~blankets~~
neatly over our ticks, and then went to
wash perhaps you would like to
know the convenience we have for washing
there is a sheet about sixty feet long with
a pipe running through it with facets
one in two or three feet and a vat
under them to wash in in one end there
is a roon and a large vat to bathe in
I went in bathing sundy morning
the barracks that we occupy is a building
thirty five rods long it is a balloon frame

it is shingled with cloth and covered
with tar the infantry occupy a large
brick barrack three stories high about
forty ft" wide and two hundred ft" long
the lower rooms they use for mess rooms
Hello there bang goes the cannon there
goes another & another and I must go to
the window and see what is up. Well
here I am again the Artillery company
is firing their farewell shots they leave
for Washington to day they fired 12
shots in about two minutes the smoke
of their cannon flew into our barr
acks which makes it smell rather healthy
as I looked out on the parade ground
I saw artillery men forming in their
ranks some were handling the cannon
some the carriages some were marching
in platoons some by fours and double
and single file and many other way
that I will not mention now

There is a man to be court martialed
here to day for striking his lieutenant
he belonged to the artillery company
I went down to the citie ^{thurs} ~~thurs~~ ^{day} and
to the capitol, and to the cathedral and
to the citie hall, and I went down to
the Hudson River where I saw a great
many ships & steamers and I went
through the buisness part of the town
and then got an invitation to ride
back to camp which I accepted
I tell you what Deacon the citie
is a big thing. There was tall
drilling in camp the other day an
officer was drilling a squad of the
recruits he commanded them to form
on fours they dropped down on to
their hands and feet and walked off.
the officer he made me think of you
when the pig carried you out from ^{the} ~~the~~
the sheet the boys said that there

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was not but three of them and they did not know how to form on foot any other way. The paddy boy that I am learning to write ⁱⁿ the guard the other night and went to town with some others and got into a row with the police he knocked one of them head over heels and then healded for camp where some of the others got put into the lock up. Albro I want you to attend to your businap well take good care of the sheep and horses and do not forget the calves you ought to feed them some kind of grain I want you to be a man in every respect as a Man that is a Man is the noblest work of God. I want you to write and let me know how you are getting along with the affairs at home. Tell Lucia to write and I will ^{write} send it the picture of Gen. the ^{was} which I want you to give to mother from your brother C. P. Churchill