

Camp Forton Washington March 20th

Dear Sister

I feel almost ashamed to write to you on account of my long delay but never mind it is better late than never I should have written before but could not get a chance to get my pictures taken and I did not want to write to you without sending that to you I got it taken to day I was in such a hurry that I did not take much pains with my arms or legs we did I give them time to fix them very good but I will send it along I received your pictures safe it is needless for me to tell you how glad I was to get it I shall keep it safe I will assure you I shall have it put into a case. I am well at present and I hope this will find you enjoying the same being the weather is very

changeable here now - about after
this sort two days stormy one cloudy
one muddy and one pleasant at this
point it will commence at the head
again and so on. we have to drill
four hours in a day now sometimes
with the sabre and sometimes with
the carbine we used the latter to day.
I like the drill very much & shall
go on guard duty to morrow. duty
finds me on my post every time I
received a letter from Nathan to day
the folks are all well which I was
quite glad to hear. we have heard
glorious news along back there is lively
times among the soldiers they believe
that they will have manassas soon
all the artillery have been ordered over
the river & we expect to hear of
an engagement every day it will
be a bloody one some regiments have
been ordered to march on Manassas.

they leave their tents behind
them they take three days
rations with them I should like
to be with them we have not got
our horses yet I am a notion to get
out of this regiment I will go and
join the the Bruinside ~~regiment~~ or
the regular cavalry I am getting
tired of doing nothing I did not
I did not enlist to work at that trade
this reg will not be fit to go into
action in six months the way it has
been managed there is more red tape
business a going on than any thing else
I doubt the loyalty of some of our officers
any further than dollars and cents is concerned
Quite Waterman came to our camp
a week or such a matter ago he let me
read a letter from Hunt Taphne his
regiment has been ordered over the river
they they have marched I believe I wish
I was with him I must stop for

we have a bible class this evening
we have them twice a week the
Chaplain has been in twice Believe
I have read my bible most thorough
since I have been in the service we
were mustered for pay the last of
Feb but we have not been paid yet
Washingtons birth day was celebrated
here and in the city they had
splendid fire works there was a contin
roar of cannon through the day the
city was illuminated in the evening
the boys are telling stories in our tent
and enjoying themselves first rate
the convenienc for writing is very poor
my desk is my knee so you must
overlook errors and answer as soon
as you receive yours in haste

Believe to be ever your affectionate

Brother Cassimer

Directions the same as before