

Capt. Sergeant joined the Regt yesterday. ~~to~~ I have now a pretty full complement of officers and among them are some very excellent fellows who keep us from rusting out. Minnie is a capital companion on a campaign. He sings some very funny buff songs and sings them very well. They are trawlers of old stories, sentimental & historical and very funny. — I was much interested in your much John's account of the Brown trial. — I hope I shall hear from you by the next mail. It would be much pleasanter to get your letters one at a time than to receive them all once, as you left over came. I did hope after we had rec'd our mail that they would come regularly afterwards but have been disappointed so far.

There is nothing to write concerning my movements. You will learn as much from the telegraph as I could write & much earlier. I stay very close to my camp & have nothing but Camp news in which I place no reliance. Gen Ayres told me last night that Gen Meade

was returned while in Washington last week that they received his army to be organized
 that it should not be used. He had had a letter and to be in A. G. B. Co.
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Camp Near Culpeper Va
 Sunday Morning Oct 4. 63

Notwithstanding I have heard nothing from you since my last I have set down this morning to my old Sunday occupation. — First before I forget it again, I will answer your inquiry in regard to fuel. You cannot draw it at Dayton. Mrs. V. and others drew it for a while at F. H., but they were cut off long ago. It was a violation of regulation for them to get it at all, but the irregularity was worked it for a while, for what reason I do not know. — Yesterday I had my picture taken and as I happened to get a pretty good one I enclose it to you, partly because you will like to see the latest counterfeit portrait work of myself, and partly as a memento of the camp near Culpeper C.H. Va. — I took my band over to Division Head Quarters to serenade Gen Roper. He and I had a

good long talk by ourselves in the
course of which he told me I had
the largest and best Regiment in the
Army of the Potomac, this is felt to
be a very high Compliment by all
our officers, and as there was no
apparent reason for their saying
so, unless he really thought so, we
all take it as honest and sincere.
Good as it is, however, I think it
can be improved a great deal
better, and if I remain in Com-
mand of it six months, it shall
be as much better than it is now,
as it is ^{now} better than any other. I
have got a good deal more mil-
itary acorn now than I ever had be-
fore and intend to make myself a
good officer if it is in my power,
and I am pretty sure it is.

It seems a very great while
since I came here, though it will
only be two weeks on Tuesday. Why

it is so, I do not exactly know. The
life is quiet, with no incidents of an
exciting nature so far, but yet it can
not be called tedious. — I am
President of a Genl. Court Martial which
meets to-morrow. This will keep me from
duty for a week I suspect, to my
great regret, as I wish to get my
hand in as soon as possible. I
shall have plenty of time to "bone"
my tactics while the Court is in
session, so that I shall not lose
the time altogether, unless the weather
should prove to work for duty
after the Court adjourns. —

I would like to hear from you
in reference to the arrival of our
goods and chattels. My trunk I left
at the Alkermade Hotel, but I would
a few days since to have it sent
out to you by Adams Express. When
I hear that the trunk has arrived I
will send you the key.