Mine, although they go only to come of the city to gain the and spend their time in other distractions. Raising you, by force in the Army, as well as at Camp. I am sorry I did not get letters a pair or letters before I left. If you have the money and there is a prospect of having more thinking buy them for her. On my return I found an order superseding my pay, because certain Regimental Returns have not been forwarded. This is very injurious to me as I have been in command of the regiment but a short time during which there has been very few opportunities of using cloth or books, but enough to have kept up with the current Return, but it all been kept on when I was made to understand. The order is greatly unjust to me and I hope to have it reversed at once. I hoped to get a letter from you last night (Wednesday) but it did not come, so I am filled with doubts and advice from home since my departure. I hope I shall not be disappointed again tonight. Love to Mamma and all, give my love to Father.
It is a week to-day, just about the
hour I write that I left Dayton &
yet I would ride gladly be there now,
although I suspect it is at the present
moment a wretched, muddy, snowy
slippery spot. We have a sufficient
quantum of the original old Vir-
ginia sand, but so much less than
we have sometimes, that we can consid-
er it quite comfortable &
go that with our routine of duties
with reasonable contentedness.

"Swinging" a Brigade is not a
very amusing business, and I like it
so much better than swinging a Regiment
that I have an idea of being made
a Brigadier, if the war is not termi-
nated soon. You need not begin to
make me a star, however, or I
think it very likely there will be but
few addition to the present military
constellation.

Enclosed I send you a piece
of my Brigade flag - it was carried
at its head at Chancellorville by
Gen. Aver, to whom I sent it to-day
first clipping off the little piece. It
is mainly valuable on being the flag
of the first Brigade I ever command
ed. It has been with me in all
my counter marches down here &
been close by whenever there was a
chance of a fight. The new one
I have thrown out in its stead
will I trust be carried with as much
credit, though it be my fortune to
carry it in the coming field campaign.

My tent with home seems like
a dream almost, already long past.
I wish it could be repeated today,
if it could be somewhat more pro-
tracted, or flying visits are not to
my taste. Some staff officers, I find
get leave for ten days longer than