



UNION FOR EVER!

December 6, 1861
Camp Decatur
Miami County Ohio

Best respects to you
all especially to you
My love Sarah Hamilton

Well lit it is with pleasure that
I set down to write you a few
lines to inform you that I
am well at this present
time and hope that these
few lines may find you
in the same state of health
My intention was to come home
to day but it was a mistake
The Colonel got orders to leave
all of the soldiers in camp
until the 15 of of this month
and may not then if we don't
get to come home then we will
take guard and come home

Oh how I would
 like to see you lil
 wance more a gain
 I be dad shun if
 they don't let me come
 home before long I
 will come any how well
 I will. I have got a convenient
 place to rest my letter I am
 setten down on a box and witen
 on my dunny Oh my dear how
 I would like to see you a gain
 and talk with you again and
 have the times that we use to
 have when we use to gather
 lil it seems like it wase
 too years send I send you
 the news is good now I think
 we will come home and stay
 if we don't may the lord be
 with us all and Spear one line
 and all come home safe and
 sound



A few more lines on this
 side and then I must quit
 we got our over cotes this
 morning and the boys was glad
 but it don't make me proud
 but if I could see you it would
 make me proud then will it
 would I will tell you I am
 coming home before we go
 away from hear we will leave
 from hear in 30 days I think
 we will go to home as same
 wear ell I hope we will go
 home don't you lil dines it redy
 now but I won't eat any
 Lohr Schuel is witen too he
 want eat any nether we
 will by same chest to waken
 we have too mags for cooked
 and i cant eat with a good
 appetite dad shun a niger
 to eat after I cant do it

I am down in
the campy and I
like it very much.
I don't have to stand
guard now and
that is what is like standing
guard don't agree with me
I will not have to be in
the same now that is so
Charles Schell was in the
guard house the other night
but I wasn't but I don't know
how soon I will be but
they must be sharp if they
get me I bring my letter
to a close now Good by
my love good day I will
come home I send my
best respects to you all
Write soon Write to Camp
dare feel very Miami County
John M. D. Rice

Ohio

Mr. Carr
Mrs. Carr
Miss Carr



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