

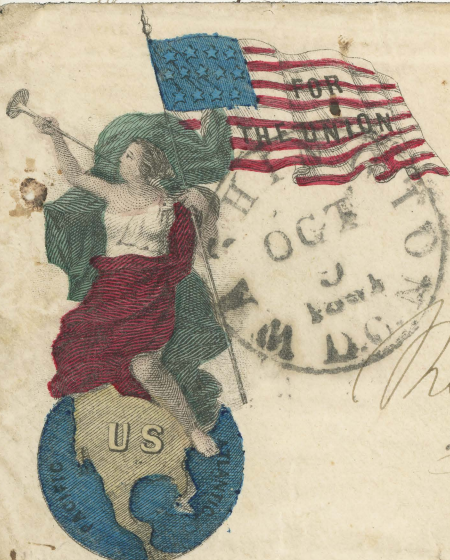


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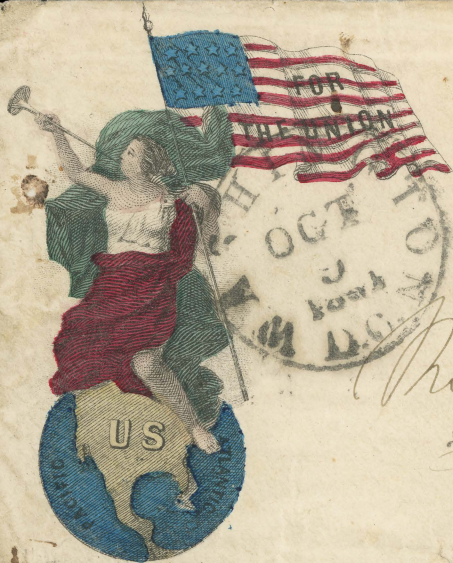


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Dear Emma,
I received your letter with pleasure to me I am glad to hear that you are in good health and improving your self I am well and improving ~~at the~~ hardships of my self but little but I must put up with it a little while longer and then I will be with you at home. O Dear Emma how I wished that I could of been with you thanksgiving day I think

and no that I could if enjoyed
my self more than I did here in
the camp all I had to eat that day
was salt pork and coffee that
was the hardest that ^{couple} I ever saw would that I of been at
home to see you dear Emma tell your
brother never to enlist to be a soldier
for it is a hard life to live I wish
that I never had never enlisted but
now the cold and wet weather is here
and I wished that I was at home but
no I can not get away I have
tried to get a furlough for a few
days to come home dear Emma I can
not come home this winter but Emma
I will write often to you to let you
know that I will ever remain true to
you I do not feel very well to day
I was on duty yesterday and all night
I never sleep a wink. I have been promoted
to a sergeant and that is a better office
than I held before I now get seventeen
dollars a month

I have just finished a very hard
supper of 1 cup of coffee and one
slice of dry bread that constitute
my supper I no you will think
that a large supper & how I
wished that I was at home to
attend church I have almost forgot
how a church looks inside
we have ^{had} service once to day there
will be one to night I want Emma
I will come home to your wedding
when you get married I hope that
I may be engaged in that wedding
Emma Dear we will live in hope
and not get discouraged for awhile
Emma I do not know who that was that
you ^{had} wrote about it was my
self & how I wished that I could
of been there I think that we
would of been the happiest
couple that could be the day
will come when we will be
happy to gather & hope and
Emma I will send you a look of
my love

and Dear Emma I wished you
would send me a pretty look
of your face and not only
that but I wished you would
send me your likeness & how
I would like to see that I will
not say pretty but sweet please
do send it to me Dearest Emma
you do not no what a difference
it would be with me if I could
but see that face again once
more you can send it by male
write in your next letter and let
me no and if you will I will
~~send you the~~ pay all the expenses
here is a kip for you from your
dear and near and more than a friend
I must now close my letter for this
time give my best respects to all
and my love to your self for ever
please excuse this poor writing and
all mistakes Please except this from
your dear and near and more than
a friend Please Dear Emma ever love
^{James for ever} E. M. Parker