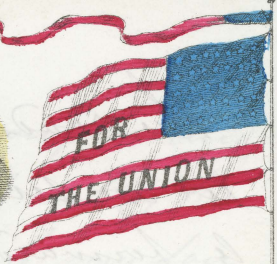


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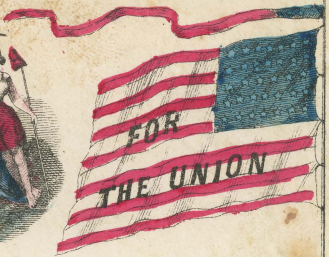
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Dear Wife and Son

I am still in the humour of writing to you the boys are having a battle in the tent they have got 2 candlesticks and have bored a hole in the Lawrence one on each side of the tent and they firing away at each other and the tent is so full of smoke I can hardly breathe Albert & Co. has gone to Camp Griffin to day to see his cousin the boys has just shot a ball through the tent and I think they will quit firing to day there is no news of our making an advance now as

The roads is to muddy as yet but we are making all preparations for a forward movement and I hear we are going to have small tents only large enough for two and that we have got to carry them on our backs they say they are light and are made so as there is two pieces so as each man will have his share I have sent you some things in a bag and you may know how heavy 40 cartridges is my old pants is not worth much but I thought you would be glad to get them as I might as well send them as to throw them away give my best respects Mary Ann and Mrs. Healy and tell them they will yet hear of us trying our bayonets with the Rebels if they will only stand and not run as near as I can learn we are going to advance on Mansapas

And if we do we go to conquer and not to run as it is all out of the question now Day kiss my son for me and let me know if he calls me yet I should be glad to see him to Day. There is a circumstance that came to light yesterday in the 64th New York regiment in company A one of the Lieutenants went back for some recruits and got quite a number and they have been here now over a month and the boys got a fooling the other Day in the tent and one of them got hurted in the side and kept growing worse and the Doctor had to come and see her and found out instead of a young man it was a young woman and there was not one in the company that knew anything about it the last time I was on guard she was an and some of the boys said there

that she looked like a girl and  
asked her if she was not the answer  
she made was none of your business.  
I have not learnt what they have  
done with her I think it would  
have been a hard case for her to have  
been in our tent so long as she did with  
the Yorkers for I think some of the boys  
would have found out that she was  
all right and have made good use of  
their time however as soon as you  
can give my love to all friends  
so no more this time from your  
affectionate Husband as ever

James DeMage  
to his wife

Birgeria whom  
I Love as yet