



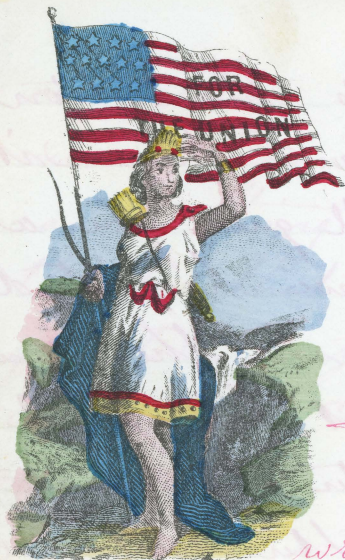
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Fort Corcoran Feb 26th

Dear Sir

As I feel
writing this morning
that I would drop a few lines to
to let you know how I was getting
along away down south in Dixie we
are stationed at fort corcoran off
Washington on arlington heights we
can see eight or nine forts from
ours there is three companies station^d
here F. H. D. L. I belong to the
last one we have got as pleasant
a place as any one can ask for
and it will be better yet after
it is fixed up a little more we
can see Washington and Georgetown
besides all the forts and we can
see the noble General Lees house

the fort stands on his plantation
or what used to be his I believe it
is sold now so I will give you a
little history of what we have to do
here. the first thing in the morning
we have to get up at half past
five or at a quarter to six at-
ten is roll call and after that we
have to shake our blankets and
clear up the bunks and then it is
breakfast time and after that till
half past nine we can do what
we are a mind to and then we
have to go out and drill till half
past ten or eleven and then quit
and then at half past 2 we go out
and drill again an hour or so and
then quit and then at five o'clock
is roll call again and then supper and
after that till half past eight we have
our time again and then roll call and
then after that we have to get ready
to go to bed and at nine is tattoo

and then we are all right till
morning again and then it is the
same thing over again. you may
think that I am a smart one
for telling you such a yarn as I
did but I couldn't get around
on account of our leaving sooner
than we expected we have been
a bout eighten days. as soon
we get our dress coats I will
have some pictures taken and then
I will send you one and then
I shall expect yours in return as
I want to see how you look see whether
you have changed much since I saw
you last. I should like to be up
in york state to lay in a supply of
things that I want. we have to pay
40 cts for butter and it is strong at
that. sugar is only twenty cents a
pound and every thing else in proportion
I think that I will send up here
for some one of those days I should

like to have you write as soon as you
get this and write all the news and
at the same time let me know where
uncle harts folks are. I tell you
what we seen some hard times since
we left home and that was when we
was to elmira I would not go there
in if I could help to stay as long as
I did stay for half of my bounty it is
the worst place that I ever got in
in my life it is a regular shaving
machine they get good pay for boarding
the soldiers and do not give them half
enough to eat but if we had of stayed
there much longer there would not
have been any eating house left they
had it ripped up once on account of
they did not give us any meat and
down went the tables and benches
and after that we had enough meat
but it was just like eating in a hog
pen but enough of this any one has got to
take it just as it comes I have found that
out already please write as soon as you get
this and oblige your friend. Monroe Leaph