Camp Bazaza Near Vera Cruz Mexico
Oct 11th 1847

Dear Miss Eliza

We arrived here on the 5th inst just 14 days from Cincinnati. All in good health and spirits. We leave on the 15th for the city of Mexico. Our train will be 4000 strong under the command of Gen. Patterson. The 4th Ohio Reg is ahead of us, they garison Palapa 60 miles from here. Vera Cruz is a very pretty city, in fact a perfect picture. the houses are all built of stone and stuccoed perfect white, and so compact that person can walk over a whole square on top of the houses, it is unhealthy on account of the wall which surrounds the city. The castle is a magnificent structure and if properly garisoned would hold out against the combined forces of the world. There is one curiosity here, we can see Mount Orizamba situated 90 miles north of us its summit is covered with snow at all seasons and at this time glistens as the sun strikes it. There is no news of interest here, some rumors, in which no confidence is placed. You must send me papers and letters. Give my respects to all friends And Love to the family — —

We shall probably not be kept here more than 8 or 10 months, as the Mexicans cannot raise more than 30 or 40,000 men at any one point.

You will direct to

Wm Wm H Chever
Sergt Major
2d Reg. Ohio Vol.
Vera Cruz
Mexico

Private - P.S.

If you wish you can write to Miss Mary L Chever at Cincinnati, she is a particular friend of mine and would be glad to hear from you. You will find her a very fine girl are an engaged -

Your Brother Wm

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You will direct to

Yours Wm. H. Cheever
Sergt Major
2d Reg. Ohio Vol.
Vera Cruz, Mexico

Private P.S....about girl....we are engaged. Your brother Wm.