

Camp Barry, Washington, D. C. March 4th 67

Ever Dear and adorable Cousin

It is with a steady hand and a firm heart that I avail myself of this opportunity to converse with you through the silent language of the pen and inform you that I am safely landed in the sunny south once more and also that I am well and hope that these few lines will find you enjoying the same blessings for health is the greatest blessing ever bestowed upon man especially a soldier for a soldier has a dreary time enough when in good health but when he is sick he has no one to care for him his friends are all far away and can comfort him only by writing him a few lines now and then oh it is so burdensome here that I dont hardly know what to do I think of you often and wish that I could see you but it will be a long time ere I shall

your face again we are going to have a
light battery and go into the field this summer
we expect to go into Tennessee or Texas but
we dont know where we will go yet we will
stay here for a while untill we get our
horses and guns and perhaps drill a while
we have a very good place here and good
quarters we are about one mile from the
city and it is a very pleasant place we arrived
in Washington last Saturday night at half past
ten and staid at the soldiers rest all night
and came up here Sunday forenoon we
staid in Augusta two days and in Boston
one day we came part of the way by steam
boat from Groton down to New York and the
rest of the way by railroad we had a very
pleasant time coming through oh we hear
glorious news here to day that General Gill
Patterson is in Richmond and has liberated
all of our prisoners confined there and
the news is confirmed so I think that
there is a probability of it being true
oh how glorious it must be for the men

that have been confined so long in a
tyrants den and barely escaped starving to
death but I am afraid that it will turn
out to be a false report but I hope it is
not oh how fair things look in our faces
now we think that I can see through
a distant shadow a ray of light and
that ray of light is the dawning of the
day of peace and the day is not far distant
when the glorious round will ring through
our glorious land and every heart leap
for joy as our gallant troops come
marching home with gay and gallant
tread and friends and lovers meet with
beating hearts and fondly clasp each other
in their arms to return to the wars no
more as it is getting late and must
sell call I shall be obliged to close hoping
to hear from you soon I will bid you a
short farewell

From your affectionate Cousin
James C. Seiffelield

A kiss for you

Direct ~~For~~ 3rd Battery Ave. Wal

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in care of Capt. E. R. Mayo T. C.

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