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November 23, 1861



Grand review of the Army of the Potomac (*Harper's Weekly*, 10/10/1863)

Camp Griffin Nov 23rd [1861]

Dear Parents

I now take the opportunity to write a few lines to you to let you know that I am well and enjoying good health I received your letter last night and was very glad to hear from you and to hear that you was well you wanted to know how many letters I have received from you I have received just 4 from you I have received one from martha Clune and one from Almond Deportee I have wrote this makes just nine letters to you I have wrote two to Martha and one to Almond and one to Bida I have not got an answer from her yet but I expect one every day I some times wish I was at home where I could be sure of a good bed every night and especiley a good breakfast for I have got up many a time in the morning and had nothing but one hard cracker to eat I have been prety hard up for two or three days past you have proably read about the great Review I was out to that it was about 10 miles from our camp the[re] was over 75 thousand light infantry and 10 Regiments of cavalry and 12 batteries there was about 20 thousand Spectators on the ground any way General McClellan said that was the largest body of armend men ever known in the United States I tell you it was a splend[id] sight I'll be hanged if it want the next day our Regiment went out on a scout after hay and oats for the horses I tell you we had fun we would go right

into the secesh hog pens and run the hogs through with our bayonets the old
Secesh would stand by and grate his teeth but it wouldent do him no good he had the
bloody 5th to deal with but I haint got time to write any more kiss little gerty for
me and tell her boby forest would like to see her father I will do my duty faithfully
and you shall neve[r] have no cause to blush for me my best love and respects to you

from forest

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