

& I say shoot them down  
there. shoot them they are  
near our Regt. What will  
Aunt Flanny do if Gee &  
Sandford Bath have to go?  
it will be tough for her.  
I don't think they will have  
to go East Whules & Barnard  
Southwick are here now.  
But Barn thinks he will  
get dues for he was not  
present into the M. Soder  
were so he can't draw any  
pay any way if he does  
stay until he is sworn  
in. But East Whules  
is a Son of a Bitch he  
has been raising the Devil  
with W<sup>t</sup> Chapman flatly  
since he has been at home  
Chapman's wife sent him  
money to earn home with  
when he came home the  
last time so W<sup>t</sup> says

W<sup>t</sup> says my pay  
equipped for  
every day of my  
life

Camp of the 74<sup>th</sup> Regt. A. U. S. V.  
Rappahannock Station

August 30<sup>th</sup> 1663

Dear Mother.

I recd. your  
letter last night & one from  
Joe. & Lenercia. I was glad to  
hear from them for they told  
me where Chas. was his Regt  
is in Alexandria now. there  
was some of his Regt. came here  
into our Brigade the other day  
they came to guard some  
manuscripts that was going  
to the 104<sup>th</sup> but none of them  
belonged to his Co. or, man knew  
him as I could find out

But he is with his Co. & all  
right & I wrote him a letter to  
day. We are staying here at  
the Station yet. I don't know how  
much longer we shall stay  
here. We are having good  
times now we drill 4 hours in  
a day & it comes around so  
that we have to go on  
guard a long time a week  
now. we did have to go on  
afternoon but we don't have to  
furnish eggs many guards now  
as we did & we got lots of  
ration & plenty of soft bread  
more than we can eat. I  
have just had a good dinner  
I had Potatoes & Beets &  
"Sauerkraut" Bread & fresh Beef  
& coffee. I guess Gen. Mead  
thinks he will feed us up  
pretty good soon while we  
are laying still. & before

Snow flies he will have us  
a fighting like Sons of Bitches  
Well if he feeds us pretty good  
we can fight all the better  
Now may be you think I am  
gassing when I tell you I  
had Sauserant for dinner  
but it is the fact we did  
have it to day. & ham &  
dried apple every 5 days.  
I think there fellows that are  
Drafted had letters soon & not  
try to get exempt for I don't  
believe they live half as well  
at home as we are living  
now. There was 5 Deserters shot  
yesterday one in the 5<sup>th</sup> Corps  
they were fellows that had enlisted  
several times before just to git  
the Bounty & then Desert  
But they was not shot enough  
this time they was shot  
yesterday after noon

if Mati giv's han  
till his to write a good  
long letter & tell all  
the particulars she can  
think of, if any of you  
are sick let me know  
Oh tell me if you know  
where Sal. Halliday is

Tom Read is in the Cavalry  
Corps.

You have got the Spring  
field rifle now & like them  
better than I did the Austin  
rifle.

Our old Fleet is  
all cut full of bullet  
holes. First Musters is in  
Command of Co. I.

Major Snappitt Command the  
Col. McCay the <sup>Regt</sup> Brigadier of  
the 107th Pa Regt

W. S. D.

Pray write soon &  
I will say no more for my  
first now bring him or my fr.

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Chapman found a letter in  
Whelans knapsack that he  
had written to W<sup>m</sup> wife &  
had not sent it yet W<sup>m</sup>  
brought it down to the Co.  
& read it to all the Boys  
it was one of the strongest  
est love letters I ever heard  
read. W<sup>m</sup> snatched it away  
& when Wheeler was gone  
afternoons W<sup>m</sup> went  
into Whelans knap sack and  
found by his Wifes likeness  
& a shirt that used to belong  
to him when he

was at home ~~was~~ brought  
then down to the tent &  
said he thought he could  
keep them the shirt was  
just what he wanted the  
fickness he did not care so  
much about that he did  
not want Whales to have  
it so he kept that too.  
When Whales came around I  
found out what Chapman  
had been about he looked  
rather "green." I dont know  
how it will come out;  
they are leather made at each  
other. Mr. says he shant  
send home any more of  
his waggs to support  
Whales with. He has  
sent Whales money too  
since he came to the  
Rgt. Money that open<sup>t</sup>  
has sent home to supp

his Chickaree with Landem  
such a rascen if I was in  
the place I would shoot  
the "Skodalling" Whales  
& his too if I could get  
a shaper.

Oh Ma I sent you  
a letter of a couple of pages  
I dont know as you have  
got it yet or not Stermans &  
says pretty good looking man  
he had one & I am to sent  
his home & so did I  
Well that is all the news  
I can think of this time.  
Only we musht to morrow  
for pay & I guess we shal  
shall get our money by  
the middle of next  
month if we are not  
on the main then  
What man dont neate so  
long as you did he for