

and he and his party made it  
appear that it was a damage  
in that of a Benefit to any man  
man or child. Finally we  
had to "cavil" and to spite  
the Old fellow we all signed  
the Pledge never to use it as  
any thing of its nature.

I will send you mine for safe  
keeping, you will keep it for  
me want you Sadie?

Sadie you tell that Bathus  
of ours (you) that he never has  
written to me and I think it is  
time he did if he is ever a  
gentle. Tell Bathus and Mattus  
to write if they can afford to  
spend the time. I am so  
concern here that I don't know  
what to do with my self, it seems  
as though I had been here more  
than a month all ready.

I went over to Head quarters yesterday  
and they let me have my furlough  
again so I could get my ~~own~~  
commutation money I guess  
I shall get it to morrow  $\$1\frac{1}{2}$

Camp Parade April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
My Dear wife.

your eager looked  
for letter reached here to day and  
if ever I was glad to get a letter  
I was glad to get that one.

I don't know but you will think  
I want you to write all the time  
by my writing so often. But I  
don't want you to write any  
afternoon than you want to. the  
time comes so long to me here  
that I must do something to  
wear it away. and when I am  
talking with you here the time  
doesn't seem half so long  
and Drury as it does at other <sup>times</sup>

so you must excuse me if I  
should write a half a dozen lines  
a day. Now Laddie I think you  
are too bad to blame me just  
because you have no Bedfellow  
did you ever think that I  
was just as distractre up in me  
as you was? I dont like to sleep  
alone any better than you do.

and that night I left I didnt  
sleep at all I kept a wake and  
thought as rathur Dreamed over  
a wake all night. "Jahm" says I  
dant sleep any more nor want let  
him sleep in peace. But it is  
to bad as you say to get married  
and then have to sleep with  
any body But your wife. This  
terrible "Rebellian" causes a great  
deal of insannine its so bad  
and I am sorry for it But it  
ent be helpt as I am  
I will sleep for now and finish this

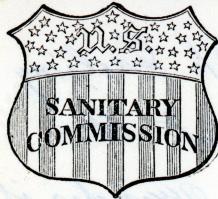
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April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Dear Sarah:- I cant invent any  
thing to tell you any other way  
so I will finish this letter. We  
had a Temperance meeting here  
last night. The "Chaplin" com-  
es here and invited us to  
come to the Temperance meeting.  
Same one speaker and asked  
the Chaplain if he want a  
gaining to have any drinking at  
all nothing but cold rootlets!

Well says the Chaplain if you  
Boys will all come over and  
show me where Whisky is any  
benefit to a man as a Beverage  
I'll send and get some and  
treat the crowd. we are  
all made o' ruffley. But in  
spite of all we could say in  
faves of Whisky we could  
not convince the Chaplain that  
Whisky was of any use to us

partian has my Darling, good  
precious Wife. I will take good  
care of my self Dear for yours sake  
And you must take good care of  
"Sarah" for me. I want to find  
when I come back that same  
good little "Wife" I left and I am  
sure I shall for I know she  
loves her Husband. But no better  
than he loves her. My health  
is improving very fast. Uncle  
Abraham will have to take  
back what he said about me  
in a few weeks longer if I don't  
have any serious drama back.

I shall have to stop writing  
now for it is getting dark  
May God Bless your Darling  
and protect you from all  
harm and keep you in the  
path of Virtue. Is the daily  
and constant Prayer of  
your affectionate Husband  
Adrian Key



I will use a little of the  
Sanitary paper as it is thinner than  
the other and won't take up so much room  
in the envelope. That's quite economy isn't it?  
You must be in great business  
shocking my sister to death. You wouldn't  
like it if I should ever know you  
mean you had just better stop that and  
then making fun of my ghost. I know  
you girls enjoy it.

"Where" what an awful ~~sunny~~  
day it is. I almost burnt a ~~tree~~  
it is so warm. Wonder if there is  
snow on the ground in Cettara  
now to day? You say you are  
going to be just as good as you can  
till I get back. I hope you will. But  
want you to good after I get home.  
I am going to be good too till I  
get home again and then I'll try  
and be good. "as big the mortal

Gads I'm afraid I'll be "killed." Oh Darling  
I am in such a hurry to get the  
news of our Wedding & wonder if  
it is possible that you are married I  
have a kind of a faint belief that  
you are after all. I know Darling  
you didn't say "good bye" But I know  
you was thinking it so it was just  
as well as though you said it. I  
did hate to come a way this time  
more than I ever did before. But  
as for my crying all the way to the  
River that's hardly true, though I  
spent doing but what I could see  
tears in my eyes & couldn't help  
it now here. I will come out  
stay with you some night sadie  
But I am afraid you will scold  
if I should rub my whiskers in  
your face. But now mind if  
you do ~~you~~ scold me I'll go right  
out and come back here again  
"and so I will" <sup>"not"</sup>

I saw Captain "White side" of my  
Regt last night. he was glad to  
see me and wanted me to come  
and see him to day. I went down to  
his room just now but he wasn't  
there. He has been a Prisoner 20  
months his wife died while he  
was in prison. and it came near  
killing him he don't act alit as  
he used to. "Lieut. Muster" has  
got back to the Camp again  
& understood he was very anxious  
to have me get back again.  
I wish I was there the time would  
not seem half so long as it  
does here. Well My Dearest  
I will bring this letter to a  
pace and I guess you will be  
be glad too I don't believe you  
can read it. But maybe you are  
used to it enough so you can  
pick it out. Give my love to all  
inquiring friends. but keep the grates