

It has been raining ever since Noon yesterday
a slow drizzling rain the wind is seaward
which makes it a little chilly but not cold
we have had very pleasant weather thus far
since we have been here we had a few
flakes of snow the other day to be seen in
the air. I saw the soldiers planting melon
seeds yesterday & other vines this indicates that
they do not expect any more cold weather
I do not know whether the leaves are starting out
on the trees or not as I have seen neither but
Pine & evergreens yet. I saw a lot of Weeping Willows
they were leaning out. As soon as they begin
to make this forward movement public I think
that they will then suffer people to depart from
this place and I shall try for a furlough for
thirty days altho 15 days is the extent of a private
furlough upon ordinary circumstances

We have service every Sabbath & Prayer meetings
every Sabbath & Wednesday evenings. Our Chaplain comes
in and attends prayers every night in the hospital
I think him a very fine man
Give my love to all and keep a large share for
yourself! except a kiss and believe me
Yours in Affection

A. J. Marshall

Camp Hamilton Fort Mifflin
March 30th 1862

Dear Wife

It is now 1 o'clock A. M. The sick are all
quietly sleeping except one poor fellow who is delirious
with fever and he has a great deal of trouble. he is
lost and don't know where he is somebody is going to
carry him off then again he is being with some
kind of work at home and so it is all the while
he has laid quiet for a few moments and I hasten
to reply to yours of the 23rd Inst. which I received
yesterday while at dinner. Your kind letters are
most welcome messengers I assure you.
Tell Ada that her Pa thinks a great deal of the
little letters that she writes him I take good care
of them and keep them choice.

I expect we will stay here all summer. I mean
this Regt. Perhaps we will go into the fort. It is
necessary to keep 5 or 6000 troops here to maintain
our position & for a coast guard we are under Major
General Wool and in all probability we will be kept
back. The divisions from the Potomac that has
landed here are making advances. and more
troops land here every day & march on by us
before the enemy can reach us they must meet
and defeat 100,000 or more that are in our advance