

Camp Curtis Phila
March 3, 1862

Dear Wife,

Yours enclosing your own dear self and Ada's likeness was received with a great deal of satisfaction. I think them to be excellent pictures altho I would like yours much better if you had not had your hair cut off. It does not quite natural with short hair.

I made application for my discharge about 1 week ago and the Col has promised to get it for me. Lt Col Curtis says that I am entitled to it and I shall have it he told me on friday last that he had written to the Secretary of War for it. I think I will get it within two weeks. Our Regt goes to Baltimore sometime this week, some say tomorrow and some on Wednesday. I do not know when. I think that our surgeon will oppose my discharge as he wants me to take charge of the Hospital. We have a very excellent man for Surgeon. He comes very near being an Eclectic. He told me last evening that he would never give a dose of Golomid(?) if he could get Podophyllin. I have been sick for a couple of days and I gave him my Podophyllin to deal me out a couple of doses. I thought that I was threatened with Typhoid Fever but I am better this morning and am able to be up (--torn piece). I have had no fever since yesterday noon and think with due care I will be able for duty again by tomorrow or next day. I have a good standing here in this Regt and all seemed to be very anxious about me and well they might be for they cannot get another person to do what I have done and take as good care of the sick. I have the good will of all and especially of those that have been unfortunate enough to be sick in hospital. Our first man died Saturday night at 11 o'clock since I have been in Hospital. I shall come home as soon as we get to Baltimore if I do not get my discharge. I have got those pictures you sent me photographed but have not been able to go and get them yet. Webster is going after them this morning for me. I attended the Arch St Theatre the other evening and saw the Comedy of Errors played. Enclosed I send you the bill played when I was there. Excuse a short letter this morning as I do not feel much like writing yet. And believe me yours in love.

N.F. Marsh

Col Curtis did not resign but took the position of Lt Col in this Regt.