



Camp Distribution Apr 8/64
 Dear Father & Mother

You can perceive by the heading that I have got in camp though I hope not a permanent one. I left Elmira Tuesday 4:50 P.M. and arrived at Washington Wednesday 5 P.M. We reported to Gen. Casey yesterday. He ordered us to report to this camp (Convalescent Camp) Two miles from Alexandria W. A. and four miles from Washington. All the Detachments from our Department are ordered to report here. and all the re-enlisted Regts of our department. Our Lieutenants are of the opinion that our Regt will be ordered here and that we are

going into the army of the
Potomac But I hope not in
all conscience - excuse me from
the army of the Potomac We
have nothing to do here now
but to ~~eat~~ sleep and keep clean
I hope we shant have to stay
here a great while. I had a
great deal rather have been
sent on to the Regt than to
stop in the barracks as the
soldiers here from the front are
lousy as fury you can see
them in most every bunk
skirmishing on the seams of
their shirts and pants for them
which isnt very agrable company
The weather is warm and pleasant
I seem quite natural to get
down in old Virginia and hear
the boom of the cannons at the
different Forts. They are firing

at a target with 30 lb guns
from Fort Richardson.

The more at present My love to
all Excuse this short letter &
try and do better next time
Direct to me ~~to~~ to Camp
Distribution near Alexandria
V. A. and Mt of Regt
To G. B. & M. L. Pearl

From your son G. M. Pearl



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