

Cincinnati, O., March 28<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear Brother & Friends

You have no doubt received my letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> (should be 25) by this time and learned of my leaving W-m for the City. As I write in my last I left the 25<sup>th</sup> 6 o'clock P.M., and arrived here yesterday morning at 7 o'clock after riding in the Cars two nights and one day and you may believe that I was not sorry that I had got to my journey's end. My first business after arriving here was to report myself and as I learned that Gen. Burrisid. & Staff, had made ~~it~~ his headquarters at the Bealy House where I immediately reported myself and was surprised to learn that the 1<sup>st</sup> Division had not all passed and that I that it would be 2 or 3 days before the 2<sup>d</sup> D-m, would arrive so I was favored with a pass to remain here until they ~~came~~ arrived with permitt to go where I chose about the City. I am stopping at the Soldiers Home on East third St., where I find the very best of accommodations for a soldier. The Eastern Troops as they pass through here are treated with the best hospitality that I have ever witnessed. The Soldiers Retreat, where they stop for refreshments as they pass through is on 5<sup>th</sup> corner of 5<sup>th</sup> St. Corner of Broad St. and I wish you could see

the variety as well as abundance of food which  
the tables are furnished the expenses being by  
~~individuals~~ individuals instead of being by the City  
I called on Dr Chas Cheavland yesterday, P.M. he being the  
only person that I could an acquaintance and I  
could not recollect of ever seeing him yet I should of known  
him if I had met him any where  
He seem quite pleas'd to meet me enquired very  
particular after Mother & Mother and wish'd to be remembred  
to them he has been quite unwell and yesterday was the  
first day he had been out of doors Pitt was at Washington  
D.C. acting as Comissr Wilson has resigned on account of  
ill health and has gone back into business  
he invited to call again which I shal do if I rememb  
how he is a strong Union man as are all here  
as far as I have learned My health is good now better  
and I am enjoying myself first rate in going about this  
beautiful City which I can do without getting into  
the mud half way to my knees at every step unlike  
the Streets of ~~the~~ Washington the weather  
seems like June in Vt. I saw young Henry Edson  
in W on the same day I left also a fellow by the name  
of Davis who I do not recollect I cannot think of his given  
name he used to live in the Village I think the  
was ~~the~~ O. was one of the initials of his given name  
If I could only know when my Regt was coming I would  
try to go and see Uncle Stephen instead of waiting here  
But I must close here and go to Dinner will try and write again

From your self Chas W. May

although I would like to

from your time  
to get the letter  
I do not expect  
before I leave here