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Mr. Wm. B. Woods
Newark Ohio

West Point July 2nd 1868

Dear Brother

I received your letter of June 27th this morning and was very much surprised to hear that you had not received my last letter, which I wrote the day of the examination. I passed my examination in such a manner as to answer your highest expectations. For I answered every question promptly and without error. I read better than I ever read before; wrote in a fair legible hand, and without misspelling a single word. I was as cool as a cucumber during the examination. There was but one fellow rejected and he would not have been if he had have known beans.

I have been in camp a little over a week, and like it first rate. I am in A. company which I think is the best Company in the corps, at any rate it is the most military, and is composed of the largest men in the corps. We have a first rate Capt. and Lieut. and in fact all the officers are first rate fellows. Capt. Libby is from Chillicothe Ohio. He formerly lived in Putnam, and was acquainted with the Miss Sherwoods of New York. He gave me quite a present the other day, it was a Blair's Rhetoric and a Davies Bourdon.

I have got part of my uniform and

and will get the rest of it in a few days. I will then have to go on guard, which will not be very pleasant, particularly the first time for the old cadets will bother us a good deal.

I believe our pay commenced yesterday. I am sorry that I deposited all my money for we have to pay about two prices for every thing we get on an order. I wish you would tell Father to send me some money if he can for I can get all the books of the old cadets for my first years course for about half price. He need not however be in any hurry about sending it for I shall not need it for some time, and if they has not got the money to spare I will try and get along without it. He need not be afraid to send it on account of its being contrary to the regulations for all the cadets receive money from home and there is nothing said about it and besides the officers never find it out. I also wish that you would have the Gazette sent to me for I will then get the news from home every week. I believe father and mother talked some of taking a trip to the east, but I forget whether they intended to come this spring or summer or not.

I shall have to bring my letter to a close for it is nearly church time. You will have to excuse my writing with a pencil

for it is almost impossible to keep a pen and
ink in camp. As for the writing I am sure
you will excuse that ~~xxx~~ as I had to lay down
flat and write on the tent floor

Give my love to all your family
and to all inquiring friends

To
Wm B Woods Esq
Newark

Truly your Brother
Charles B Woods
West Point N.Y.

Write as soon as you can
conveniently