

Ship Orphan N.Y. Harbor
Monday Nov 1st 1852

Dear Brother

I embarked from Bedla
Island on Saturday the 30th ult. with 8
recruits, destined for the 4th Reg. Infy. under
charge of Capt. Wallace of the 1st Infy. There
are also on board 84 recruits for the
Rifle Reg. who are also under Capt. Wallace
command. I have had charge of the Infy
detachment at Fort Moad Bedlaws
Island for the last week, and had
to superintend their embarkation, and
I assure you I had my hands full, for
all the non-commissioned ^{officers} + were pre-
recruits and could not do a single
thing unless I was with them to give
directions. I should not have had com-
and of the detachment if Capt. Wallace
had not been so busy in the city that
he could not be present at the Island.
He told me that he was under great
obligations to me for the manner in
which I had managed the detachment
and also that there was less confusion
than he had ever seen ~~seen~~ in the
embarkation of troops. I received a
letter from Mr. Stanley on Saturday
but was so busy that I did not get to
read it until late at night after
the troops had been sent to bed.
We sailed on Sunday at twelve.

U. But did not get farther than
the quarantine grounds of Staten
Island where we had to come
to anchor on account of heavy
winds and fog, where we are now
laying, with a very fair prospect
of remaining until after the election
which takes place tomorrow, I hope
however that the weather will permit
our getting off tomorrow morning
as I do not like these delays, for my quarters
are rather close. The berth in which I
sleep is just 6 feet long, and I am 6 feet
2 inches, so you may imagine that
it is rather a close fit. There are 4
officers on board which makes it rather
pleasant. They are Capt. Wallace Ast.
Sur. Harris, Geo L Hartuff, Chas Moads
P Swaine, G. A. Williams, & E D
Phillips.

I had a very pleasant time
at Fort Moad. ~~It~~ I liked the place
much better than I thought I should
when I was ordered to report there. I
became acquainted with the wife and three
daughters of Gen. Marth. The Misses
Marth are rather pretty, and I have
no doubt but that I should have
felt somewhat interested in the young
if I had stayed all winter at Fort
Moad. I have bought a very fine
Colts revolver, but I do not know
that I shall ever have any use

for it, I think it is
armed, and then in
I will be prepared

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for it, I think it is best to be well
armed, and then in case of an attack
I will be prepared

The capt. of the vessel thinks
that it will take us about twenty
days to make the voyage, but at
the rate we have been going so far I think
it will take about a year.

Write to me at Fort McIntosh
Texas as soon as you get this
letter, and I will probably get it the
first of next month.

Give my love to all our
family, and tell them to write to
me
Very truly your brother
Chas. W. Moads

Nov. 2^d 12 O'Clock

We are now getting under
way. I will send this back by the
Pilot when he leaves the ship. I
have not been able to get ashore
this morning to vote, as I should
have voted my first vote. Gen Scott
I suppose that I will not hear the
result of the election until I get
to Texas. I forgot to tell you that
we have a regimental brass band
on board, so you see that we will
have plenty of music on our trip

But I have not time to write more at
present. So farewell until you hear
from me again.

C. W. M.