

gets it tell the girls
The boys all send their
love to them and say
that they will kill a
certain piece for them to
pay for the housewives and
if we go to Richmond they
will get Harry and send
him home by express
we have got the best Col
in the field and he takes
the best of care of his men
The boys fairly worship
him and he does them
and our old Chaplain is
one of the best me I ever saw
well I must close this scribbling
for I have got to make my report
give my love to my dear sisters
and the children let me know
if Tills is with you yet I have
not heard from home since I
left Det or the girls or the
boys send their love to you
Your Brother R. G. Antetuisen

R. G. Antetuisen
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Fort Stevens

Dear Brother

Having a few
moments to spare
I thought I would
write you a few lines
for I know that if you
are as anxious to hear
from me as I am to hear
from you it will do
you good. I was very
sorry that I could not
see you before I left Detroit
but it could not be helped
we are quartered in the
naval school the best quarters
we have had since we
left home. There are twenty
of us in a room about the
size of your sitting room