

Franklin G. Durr
Friday July 24th 1868
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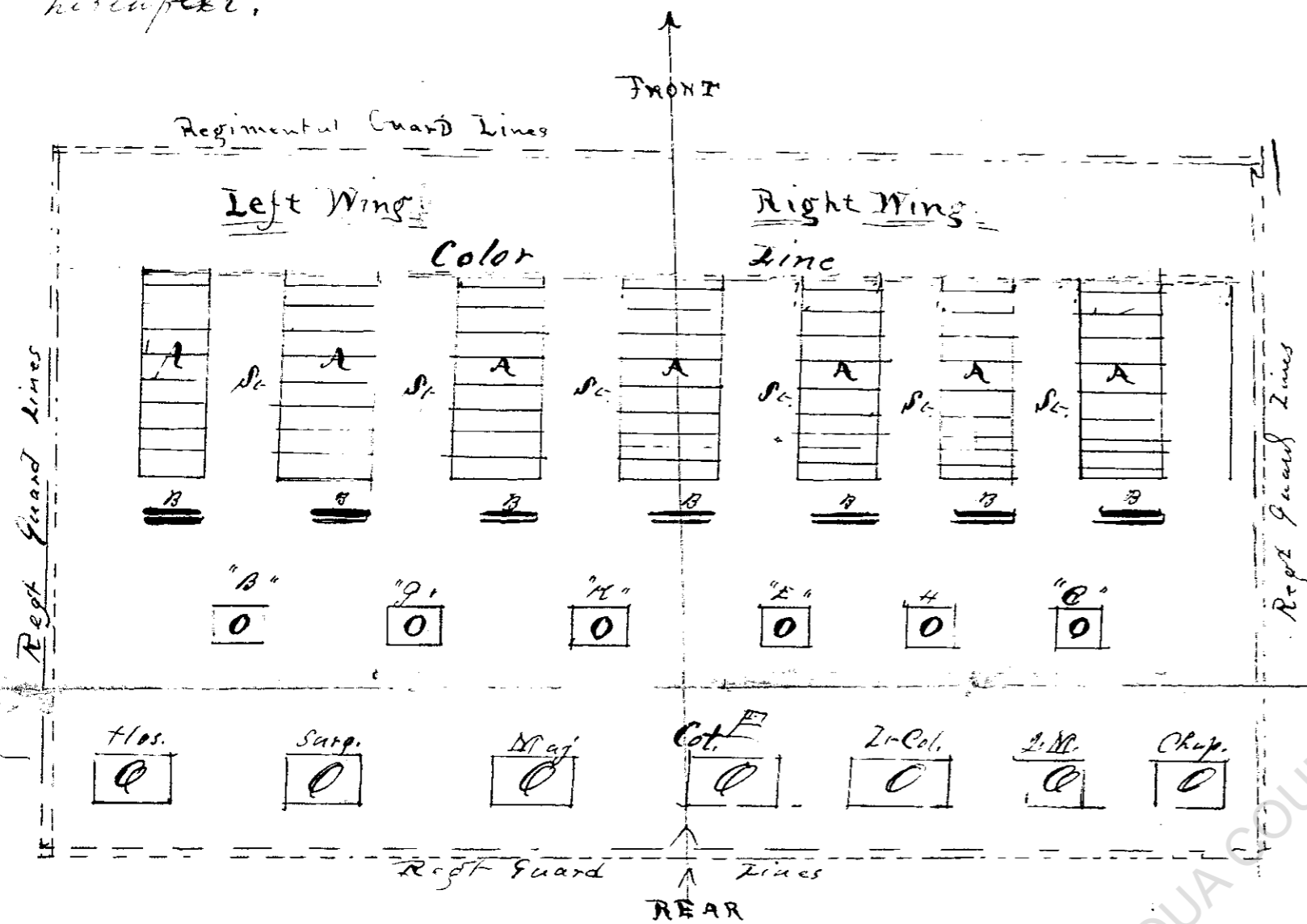
Darling Wife:
What a sweet pleasant letter the mail
of today brought me from you. - I cannot sleep without
first thanking you for it. - The candle burns very low but
you must have a few words. I am glad my letters make my absence
lighter to you. It is a great pleasure to write and I was almost
as usual I should love you. I began to think that I need
to be a very bad boy to Emma. But I hope in truth that
it may be that you endured more neglect during our courtship
than you ever will during our marriage. The candle
flickers - Gods blessing on your couch tonight
Albion.

Deer Creek Tenn.

July 26th 1868

We moved camp yesterday. We are now
more advantageously located about one mile south
east of Deer. There seems to be plenty of fresh
fire, abundance of a camp, good water.
We have been busy all the forenoon preparing our
homes for a season. It is strange how soon a man
has a home. First our tents have to be properly

pitched and in the right places. I don't know
 as you know how a regiment pitches its tents.
 Do you? Well I will explain it that you may
 hereafter.



A. - Company Quarters; - C - Line Officers' Tents
 St. - " " Streets - B - Company Kitchens
 O - Field Officers' Tents.

You will see
 that we are all regular in camp. All the ground
 here to be swept out and every tent ditched. Then every
 man makes himself a bunch of poles bushes pieces of
 board, whatever he can lay hands on. Thus in
 two hours we have a home

I am not very well now. Indeed I am pretty
 near sick. The hot weather is taking hold of me
 pretty severely. I am going to send for father
 to forward me a box. If you have anything to put
 in it he will give it a place. If you should send
 any edibles let it be a can or two of onions or
 vinegar. Those towels are needed seriously, and a
 few pairs of socks would not come amiss. I don't
 want you to spin however - for it's all folly in this age
 of the world. You can bestow your time better even if
 you have nothing more essential to be done than write
 to me. Father will have to go to Cleveland to get things
 for me and if you wish to go there, you can go along
 with him. I shall write to him at the same time with
 this. I am in such a crusty business mood
 today that I am only fit to write a schedule
 of wants. Give my regards to all the
 friends and especially to Angie. By the way I
 don't see how in the world she is to be convinced that
 we are indeed married. She seems to be sceptical of
 the point. I think she had unconsciously adopted the
 idea that we never would be married and finds it
 to be disappointed.

Affectionately

Oliver W. S.

P.S. Jack is about as when I
was before - rather better if any -
thing. I think he will remain -

I shall go to D - as soon as possible -
He and I have a student taken before the
archbishop's father - for I don't know
as I shall be able to catch a student
if I keep on giving more a week
or two -

Arthur

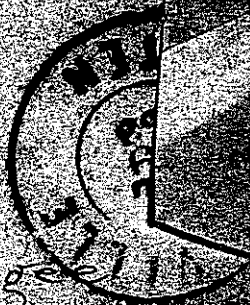
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Dear Mother

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