

Camp Hentzelman Jan 13th 1863.

My dear wife.

I have just rec^d
your kind letter of the 8th inst.
I did expect to hear that you
had got into your new house, but
you will probably be in it by the time
this reaches you - A letter went
out for you yesterday that I should
have got last Tuesday - The Post
boy failed to come and get it.

You will see by The Dispatch
I told you that we have
fought our first battle. The
excitement was intense. Our
men formed into line of
Battle, but there was no noise
nor bustle. So rally and so much
an our men on the alert that
before the long roll was sounded