

Thursday Evening 28th

My own Darling,,

As I have not wittern but sixteen pages. for you to read this time, I thought I would finish out with an account of our fare for Thanksgiving. For breakfast I had beef soup, and as I did not get up very early, mine was cold, (you know I am fond of soup) Then for dinner we had pilot bread fried in port fat. with fried pork. for supper we made an extra effort, and accomplished wonders in the way of grub. We had doughnuts fried in the fat that boiles out of the pork that we cook here. I wish you cold see one of them. I beleive that I will put one of them into the box that I send you. and one of the fried turnovers, for we had those to. and four pies made of dried apple, that were real good, but when they were cut and I had tasted of my piece. I thought I would give it to Add' Noyes, and about every one of the mess gave theirs to some one that was well enough to eat it, who was in the Hospital.

But the supper was quite an affair after all the fare was quite as good as you had. It was well seasoned with talk of home & friends. & I think we thought & said quite as much of our friends at home as they did of us. I have wished a hundred times this afternoon that I could see you at home and see who was there, let me know when you write again what you, did and who you saw, & what you said and everything that you can think of. that happened on that day, and see if you can not get up as long a letter for me the next time, as this is. Be sure that you send the minatures just as soon as you can after you get this dont mind the trouble or expense. for I want to see you and the babies very much, and have some friends that I want to have see my familey.

I have not seen the article in the Journal, that you refer to, but, the paper is in the camp, and the men are indignant at it. If that reporter should happen to make his appearence in camp, I think he would see trouble unless he as very fortunate. He is here on the island and. I should not wonder if he heard from some of the boys yet. I heard Cap^t Goodrich of Conn, who is attached to Gen Wrights Staff, and was with us on the Baltic speaking of it and he pronounced it a libel.

I do not know what he said in regard to the Reg^t, but if he said anything that reflects. on their conduct during the dangers of the storm, or on the night when we went on to the shoal, it is certainly, a libel, you can take my word for that, for I had a good chance to see how they did behave on both of those occasions. ~~an~~ But as regards the disciplin, and drill of the Regt. there is not so much to say in their favor at that time. for when we left M. we had not been drilled any hardly, and since we have not been over one week at a time in any place till we came here, so you see that we have not had a chance to become very perfect soldiers, but I think that we compare favorably with any Reg^t in the Division. as to their courage, I havent a doubt but if they have an opportunity they will do credit to themselves and to the "Old Granite State" There [wan*] an accident happened to day in on of the Penn^a Regt's, There are a great many shells lying around here that did not explode when they were fired from the [fllet*], and they have been left lying around very carelessly. and one of the men was kicking one along with his foot when it exploded blowing him all to pieces.

I have cautioned our men a great many times about the shells, & once I was going through that same Reg^t and saw four or five men cooking by a fire & there were one of those great. eleven inch shells lying close by them I called their attention to it, and told them that they would probably go to the devil quick, if they happened to get a spark of

fire into that, but they did not mind anything about that, but went on with their work as though it had not been anything but a pumpkin

I did not intend to write but a few lines when I commenced this, but will use it all up with something now it is begun. Andrew is not any better yet & his case is considered quite dangerous. but when I write again, which will be in a few days I can tell you whether he is dead or will be likely to get well.

I want to write to Elmer tonight, I have not written to him since we left A. I believe the 14th is not in fort Albany now, but is stationed somewhere near there.

I wrote to William. to send me some postage stamps I dont know why I asked him to do it, unless it was because I happened to think of it when I was writing to him, but if you will pay him if he has sent that will make it all right. if he has not sent them I wish you would do it. as I want them very much

I have seen it somewhere that to write a good love letter, that one should not know what he is going to write when he sits down, nor what he has written when he gets done. If that is true I think that mine are good ones, for I dont know what I have written on the other page. If you do not think so please to let me know and I will try and improve. I dont think of anything else to write now, but every time that I write after the letter is sealed, I think of something that I [wantd*] to tell you very much. I suppose it would be so if I should fill a dozen sheets. I have been reading the account of the capture of the place, in the papers today you have seen it no doubt, when I wrote you about it I had not heard much about it, but told you as near as I could judge from what I saw. Our fleet suffered more than I expected, I thought that not but very few of their shots took effect, but it seems that some of them were pretty badly cut up. I dont blame the rebels for running, when I look around and see the pieces of shell in every direction I should think if even an army had a good cause for running that. they had. for the shells were exploding in every direction, and no enemy within ~~two or~~ their reach if they had wanted ^{to} fight, so they had either to run or stand still and be shot without a chance for themselves

One thing I want you to remember, that is not to worry about my being in danger, for there is not much more chance of my being in any battle than there is of your being in one yourself. If we stay here there is not rebels enough in the South take this place without a stronger fleet than we had by a great sight, and that they have not got nor cant get so you see that there is no need of worrying for your own loving husband Leander