

[Letter with raised imprint: "CROTON"]

Near Petersburg Va.

July 9th /64

My Dear Emmy,

I have not written to you since the 4th and it seems a very long time. Yours dated July 3^d came yesterday, I am glad to hear that you were feeling so well at that time, Hope you will take good care of your health, and continue to feel as well as you did when you wrote that. You have never mentioned receiving the paper that I sent, to enable you to get the money from the Selectmen. It is nearly a month since I sent it, and if you are ever going to get it, it would have got there by this time. Let me know as soon as you get this. I have not had a letter from mother for a long time, and began to think she was not going to write any more, But I expect to hear from her now, as soon as she gets home.

You wrote that you had some fears that Elmer had been taken prisoner. I do not know what you may have heard, but if you have not heard something definite from him by this time, I shall feel very certain that he is a prisoner, unless something worse has happened to him. He ought to be at home before this reaches you. but I have lately heard something that has given me serious fears for his safety. While our Division was on the other side of the river, a while ago, the rebels made an attack, and broke through our lines, and got in the rear of a part of the 2^d Corps. They were driven back, but they got about 2000 prisoners from Birney's Division. and as Elmer's regiment is in that Division, it is more than possible that he may be among them. I still have hopes that he may be safe. but it is rather singular that I have not heard from him. if he is. I feel very anxious to hear from him, and hope you will write as soon as you get this and let me know [if*] whether you have heard from him, or not. I have been waiting. to feel like writing. before sending you another letter, but when I feel like it. I do not have a chance to write. so I will send you a few lines to day, though I can hardly write at all. There is no news to write about. The rebels made a pretty sharp attack on our lines yesterday afternoon, but did not accomplish anything. My health continues good, and that is all I will try to write this time. I will write again soon.

Hoping to hear from you very soon, I remain as ever,

Truly Yours

Leander

P.S. I will send you a perfect likeness of Gen. Grant