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Bermuda Hundred Va.

Aug. 3^d "/64

My Darling.

It is several days since I have written to you, though I intended to have written before this time. We move from before Petersburg. last Sunday. and I have not had a chance to write to you as I wished. There was a very sharp fight. near Petersburg the day before we left, in which our reg^t was engaged.

There was not much advantage gained by our side. The loss to this reg^t was 6 six killed and forty wounded. Among the killed, is Corp. Young. whose picture I sent you. There was three in my Co. killed Cap^t J. M. Clough. was wounded. He was shot through the hand. Those are all that you are acquainted with Henry [Mann*]. came out all right.

Our regimental flag had fifty-one bullets, and one cannonball shot through it. in that action. besides the staff was shot off twice. You can judge the old flag was in a pretty hot place. This is a new flag. We have used up one in this campaign. At Drury's Bluff, we brought. off a few shreds of our old one hanging to the staff. In that action all of the Color Guard. but two, were killed or wounded. (7 out of 9) It has been terrible hot for several days past. but is cooler to day. I am begining to look for another letter from you now. It must be that my last. has had time to get home.

I can always write a better letter, when I have one of your good loving letters to answer. I do not know as, there is anything of interest to write about. so I am afraid you will get a poor letter this time.

Tell mother, that I wish she would send me a blueberry pie. I have wished a great many times that I had a peice. I have not heard from Elmer yet. My health is the same as ever. And now I will close this. as I expect to hear from you tomorrow. when I will write again. Do not fail to write often, for I cannot write unless I can hear from you.

As ever Yours truly

Leander