Base Hospital 10" A.C. Jones' Landing Va. Dec. 4" 1864

## My darling,

Your last, was received last Wednesday, and deserved an earlier answer. But I am getting tired of writing. I want to see you. want to talk with you. This writing of letters would be very well if there were nothing better, however we will make the best of it, and hope for better things. I am very glad to hear that you have been induced to go out, and to try to enjoy yourself, a little like other folks. If your husband <u>is</u> away, that is no reason why you should mope yourself to death.

I hope you will continue to try and find something to interest and amuse you, it will be better for your health, and my chances. for finding something besides a skeleton, for a wife when I get home, will be better too. My health is excelent. I am getting as fat as a <u>hog</u>.

The weather has been remarkably pleasant for some time past.

The white troops, of the 10" & 18" Corps'. have been consolidated, into a Corps. to be known as the 24" A.C. and the Colored troops, into a corps, to be called the 25". The Hospital is to be consolidated with the 18" Corps. Hospital, and we are moving to the Point of Rocks, on the Appomattox river, for Winter Quarters. I have been packing up. this afternoon, but we may not all get away from here for several days. How I shall be situated in the new arrangement I. cannot tell, but will inform you at the earliest opportunity. I suppose you would like to know something about my coming home, but I cannot tell you anything definite at present. but think it is pretty certain that I shall be there some time this Winter.

I have not had a letter from mother, or Elmer for a long time I am very sorry that I have not been able to get my pay, so as to send you some money, but I missed being paid with the Reg<sup>t</sup>, by being here, and could not get paid here. because I was last I mustered € with the Reg<sup>t</sup> I hope to get it before long, and you can borrow if you need money, or you can draw on Mr. Buck. Do not deny yourself, or the children of anything that you need. if it is possible to avoid it I received a letter from Haynes, writen by his wife, and think it a great improvement on his letters. [illegible\*] She says He wanted her to write to me, but he was going to write to you. Perhaps he thinks that way will even the thing. I think I shall answer her letter, but am getting tired of corresponding with any one. It is quite a task to write to you. But I will close now.

Let me hear from you as often as possible.

As ever yours truly Leander