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My Dear Emmy,

Though there is nothing of importance to communicate I take this method to drive away the blues. I have a very pleasant place but it is so horribly dull that if it were not for your sake I would be off to the Regt at once. My work does not employ me more than ten minutes in a day, and the rest of the time has been murdered in some way. So not let my mother see this, or she will read me a lecture a yard long on the sin of wasting in idleness so much precious time that might be profitably employed. Profitable indeed! I wish that the whole of such time as this could be got over in one hour. If it should take the whole of time that is left to me, it would be no cause for regret. If this was life the sooner it ended the better. I am feeling worse than usual just now, for I spoke to Dr. Blunt this morning about furlough and he said it was not a good time to apply just at present, "wait awhile, there will be a time before the first of March when you will get a chance to go" He be ---. If they dont wake up here and so something for me soon I shall resign.

It is nearly time for me to have a letter from you. of you wish to keep me out of mischief you had better write often. There are lots of "widders" about here, sacrificing themselves!! for the comfort of our poor sick and wounded soldiers. It is my private opinion that they are a great humbug, as a rule, but I shall go to courting some of them soon (though they are as homely as the mischief most of them) if you do not give me something else to do.

I would write to William and the rest of them, but I am too lazy: and besides it is so confounded dull here that there is nothing to write about. I suppose you have heard old Ben's removal, and have all expressed your different opinions about it. Well ther is but one opinion about that matter in this department. We are all very glad of it. He was a miserable old tyrant thoroughly hated by every man in his command. He has proved himself a perfect bungler as a general and the army is well rid of him. Long may it remain so. He has done more mischief this past season than a thousand lives like his are worth. Well I have written myself into a better frame of mind, though I will not pretend to say much for the letter, If you can suggest any way of passing the time till I can get home that would be more agreeable then the alternative that I mentioned you would conger a great favor for it is my opinion that it would not be very pleasant if I should unfortunately be drive to such extremity.

Now my sweet little wife. I will write a few lines seriously and then close. I did not think of doing more at this time than to begin a letter to be finished when I heard from you again, or torn up, just as I might feel disposed but I may as well send it and perhaps get to letters next week. If it shall have that effect I shall be well paid. Take good care of yourself and be as cheerful and happy as possible for I want to find you in good health and spirits when I do come home.

Good bye love. Yours truly,  
Leander