

Federal Point N.C.
Near Fort Fisher
Feb 24th 1865

My Darling,

I have not received a letter from you since the one bearing the date of the 6th inst. which I have tried to answer. But have wished ever since that I had not sent. However it cannot be helped now. That was dated Feb. 22^d it should have been the 20th. I have nothing to tell you but what you know already, or will learn before this reaches you.

Our forces took Wilmington the day before yesterday, but I am still in this place with Dr. Dearborn, with but very little prospect of getting away at present.

I do not know where the regt. is now. There are probably letters there for me. I would walk ten miles to get one tonight. It has been a cold rainy day, and bids fair to be a worse night. I have no fire and because it is about the time you will be at supper. I have eaten nothing today but a couple of cold potatoes. While I was writing the last sentence Jim McDermot the Dr. waiter, brought me a dipper of coffee, two "hard tack" and a slice of fried pork., and I have made a very good supper. But it is getting dark, and I will not try to finish this tonight, as Ed. Hall has gone up to Wilmington, and if he can find the reg. I shall probably get a letter from you tomorrow. So good night. Leander.

Feb 25th Ed. has got back from Wilmington but did not find the regt. so I have no letter tonight. I wish that I could hear from you, but do not know of any better way to direct, at present. I have received an order tonight to report to the Post hospital. Dr. Dearborn was in a terrible stew about it, and has been up there to get permission for me to stay with him a while longer.

Oh would be much pleasanter for me, to be at the Post Hospital, but I do not like to leave him in the situation he would be without me. It is quite likely that that I shall "beat myself" as I usually do, but never mind.

It is hard work writing letters without any to answer, but I do not see but I shall have to do it for a while at least. I will not make this a long one, but will write again soon. Write often, they will get to me sometime.

Yours truly, Leander