

Hampstead July 13<sup>th</sup> /1863

Dear Husband,

I have been waiting to hear from you but have got tired of waiting and concluded to write at all events. I havn't had much time but should have answerd a letter if I had had to sit up late to write. Mother has but just got home from L's and I have been very busy ever since she has been away. I havn't rece<sup>d</sup> a line from you for nearly three weeks. I don't see the reason. The war news are rather more cheering at present but I won't try to give you the particulars as you will be likely to get them, if I could get a paper that gave a correct account of the late battles I would send it you but I suppose but I suppose that would be impossible. I havn't seen an account of them myself

They are drafting here all around the lot. I should like to be a man just long enough to let them know there was one they couldn't dragg out there against their will.

'Our little girls go to school yet They have a good school this term I think. We had a picnic in our district "the fourth" and the child<sup>ren</sup> think they had ever so good time

Margaret and Neddy was up and come and stoped with me a little while after the picnic

I dreamed about you last night I thought you came in unexpectedly and in disguise but I ~~thought~~ knew you in a moment and you held me in your armes close to your warm heart; but I though you never noticed the children for some time and when you did you didn't seem glad to see them

I am not well to-day and don't feel one might like writing and so you must excuse me this time if my letter is short and uninteresting. I guess Mr. Haynes will think I don't intend to answer his letter but I certainly shall

I havn't written any letters lately except to you but I mean to answer them all now mother has got back

And now good night, this will assure you that we are all comfortable and that is about all. I will do better next time.

I will send you some postage stamps and I hope you will use them more frequently.

Yours as ever – Emmy

[written in pencil (as opposed to ink as in the rest of the letter) on the back...]

The news come last night that George Dow is dead he has been dead four weeks and this folks havn't had any correct news about it till now. His mother was all most crazy when he went away but is quite calm now. Oh I hope I shall have a letter to-day – E.