

Army of the Potomac
June 5th 1862,
Darling Emmy,

I have just received your precious letter, dated May 30th and am so glad to hear from you again that I cannot wait, but have set right down in the rifle trench to answer it. The bullets are singing along over my head, but they cannot hit me if I do not get careless, which you may be sure I shall not, as long as my darling loves me. We have been moving about so much lately that we have not got our mail very regular, so I have not heard from you for quite a long time, and you can judge how welcome your letter was today, and then the first of it, was written in such good spirits, that It has done me more good than anything else that I could have here. How thankfull I feel that you, and our darlings have been spared in life and health, among so much sickness and death, and I thank God may times every day, for all His great mercies, and above all for the great blessing that he has given me in your love. I need not try to tell you how much I feel this for you can judge by your own heart. When this horrible war is over if I am spared to come back, I will be a better husband to you that I ever have been. I have not writen to you since the first of the week, as I have been expecting every day to get a letter, and did not wish to write till I could hear from you. But I shall try and write often so that you may have all the comfort possible, under the circumstances.

Elmer's Reg^t is here, and he has been to see me this morning I was very glad to see him, as I have not heard from him since his Reg^t went to the front, and I did not know whether he was alive or not. He is looking rather thin, and as ragged and dirty as any of us, he finds this very different from Fort Cass If I could hear from J. it would be a great releif to me, but I hope for the best, in all things. I suppose your garden, and all the fields are looking beautifull now.

I did not. think, when I lived there, that it was a very pleasant place there, but there is not in the whole world, to day, a place that it would give me so much pleasure to see. I hope you will try and keep out of doors, as much as possible, in pleasant weather. Work in the garden, or go out and play with the children. You must remember that your health is of the greatest importance to my happiness, and I know, that you will be carefull for my sake. And I feel it necessary to repeat my caution to you not to work to hard, for I know that you do work harder than you are able, when you think you are not doing much. But my precious darling, I cannot write much more now, but will write again in a few days.

I wish you would send me a bunch of envelopes, by mail, just as soon as you can for I have not got one, and I want some stamps too

Haynes has not been with us since we left Bermuda Hundred.

I do not think of anything else to write, now. Kiss Annie and Josie for me and tell them to be good girls.

And now dear wife, good bye for a little while,

I remain as ever,

your loving husband

Leander