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San Augustine Aug 17"

My Darling Emmy,

There is a steamer in here from Key West, which leaves for Port Royal to-day, and I thought it best to send you a few lines, though I have nothing to write about. I have not had a line from you, since the one that came in the box, dated July 7" You can judge how anxious I am to hear from you: My health is excellent, I have not been so fat before. since I left home. There is no prospect of leaving this place at present, and I hope we shall stay here untill the warmest months are past. I suppose you and the children have been having great times picking berries. How I wish I could be there to go out with you today. I don"t think you would get many berries. for I should make you sit down with me in the shade and would kiss you more that I used to when we went out there last year. But it will not do for me to think of those things for it will make me feel homesick I suppose the Dr has got home by this time I should liked to have gone with him, but knew it was impossible so I did not think of it.

I hope he will call on you for it will be worth a great deal to me to see somebody that has seen you, if I cant.

I cannot write untill I hear from you, for I do not know what to say. I dread to hear from you for fear that I shall hear that you are sick or in trouble. What shou<sup>ld</sup> I do if I knew you were sick & I not there to take care of you. But I will not write any more now. I merely send this to let you know that I am well. We shall probably get a mail this week and then I will write you a long letter again

The health of the Regt is very good. there is none so sick that they are not able to sit up and have their clothes on

Good bye, my own precious wife until I hear from you again.

May God bless and keep you, is the prayer of your own loving husband. Leander