

Beaufort S.C. Oct 5th 1862

Dear Wife,

The Dr. arrived night before last. but did not deliver the letter and package untill today. and by the way, has not said anything about the kiss you sent, and now, I want you too keep them all yourself till I get home. for I shall want them when I do get back. I have not written as often as I intend to, for I have been more busy than usual, lately. I have received your letters regular. and thank you very much for writing so often. The last letter I wrote you has troubled me a great deal. I did not mean to hurt your feelings, but am afraid you will be greived at somethings. that I said. I felt bad but I have no fault to find with you. I have tried to make some amends, this time, I have had my likeness taken for you. It is not a very good one, and I will have another one takne soon. in a different suit, the one I had on then is ^l what I wear ~~are~~ in camp every day. But I cant write now, for there are about a dozen talking around me. Afternoon. It is a little more quiet here now. and I will try again I do not know what to write but should find enough to say if I were with you now. I have been thinking of you all day, wishing that I could be with you. even for a few minutes. I really begrudge that kiss you gave Eastman. you must not waste any more in that way. I think you ought to have gone to see Mother when you had a chance to go with Emily. but you know best how you are situated There I will try once more, to get my thoughts into some connected order, but I cant, so I will quit for a while and think of home and you, and finishe this some other time. I have been looking at you and sister Ruth but wait a little while darling I will do better bye and bye

I beleive the mail leaves tomorrow, so I must finnish this some way. I am glad to see you write in a more cheerfull style in your last letters. That is right You need not give yourself any particular uneasiness about me here, any more than if I were at home, my health is excelent, and I do not see any prospect of any fighting to be done at present, at least. As to this Reg^t being disbanded and put into the 2^d. that cant be done, easy. The fact is, this Reg^t has been most meanly slandered by somebody. You have nodoubt heard all sorts of stories about. us, but don't you bileive any stories that you hear against us. In my honest opinion this is one of best, if not the very best Reg^t that ever went out of N.H. and the report that we to be disbanded created quite a storm of indignation among the men, they had no idea of submitting to any such treatment Co^l Bell. went to Hilton Head for the purpose of obtaining permission to go to N.H. to set the matter before the Governer in the true light, but was told by Gen Mitchell that there was no need of his going, that his Reg^t was all right, that he, (the Gen) considered this one of the most effective Reg^ts in his Division. Gen Terry, our Brig. Gen. when we were at Augustine, was very indignant at such treatment, and said he should write to Gov. Berry on the subject. The Cap^t of the Ben De Ford, who brought us from Augustine, said in any hearing that he had been carrying troops for more than a year, ^{^&} this was the most ordirly, quiet and respectable sett of men that he had ever carried in that time. Gen. Wright, our first Brig General. when he was ordered to the West, tried his best to have this Reg^t go with him, and even offered to leave two of the Reg^ts that were in his Brigade, if he could only take us with him I have said a great deal on this subject, because I suppose you have heard a great deal said against us at home. The 7th which I have seen praised so high in the N.H. papers, is considered, here to be the poorest Reg^t that has been sent out of N.H. But I will not say any more on this subject, now, but I would not change this Reg^t for any in the service.

You seem to think that if the Dr should leave, that it would make it bad for me, but you need not give yourself any uneasiness on my account, if you hear that he has resigned. He has resigned. He has done well by me, but would be glad to have me think that he is the only friend that I have got in the army. But I know, I have got as many good friends among the officers, as any private in the Reg^t and shall suffer any if he should resign. though I should like to have him stay, and do not know. that he has any notion of leaving I have not writin you much of a love letter this time, and have not time to write much more tonight but will write ^again very soon and try and do better.

I have not writen a word since I came here, to anyone but you. Write to Mother and tell her that she shall hear from me soon. I am much obliged to you for writing so much about our little darlings. take good care of them and kiss them for me every day. Remember and not send me any more kisses unless you can send them by a sure hand

Give my love to all our friends Write very often.

Hopeing to hear from you very soon I remain

as ever your affectionate husband

Leander