

Beaufort S.C. Dec 17th/62

Dear Emmy,

I have been expecting a letter from you for several days, but shall have to write again without hearing from you. The last I received from you was dated Nov 23^d, so I think there must be several on the road. I dont feel like writing untill I hear from you, but as there is a mail going out soon I must send you a few words. It has been very cold here this season. There is a talk here, that this Reg^t. is to go to Fla. again soon. I hope it will, for it is much pleasanter there, and there is no prospect of anything being done here this Winter. If we go I will let you know as soon as possible, but you must write & direct your letters as usual till you get a different direction. I suppose Dr Eastman has got home before this time. Let me know what kind of a story he tells if you hear anything about it. He may not call on you. I hardly think will. but never mind, I may get even with him sometime I am very glad to hear so good an account of my little girls. When you wrote that you wanted to get their minatures taken, I expected you would send them to me. I should like to see them ~~w~~ very much.

Mrs Sawyer has got well as ever, so you see a camp is not the worst place to be sick in, in fact patients do much better, in most cases, than they do a home with the best of care Gen Mitchell did die with the yellow-fever, and several more officers on his staff, but it did not rage very much, indeed I scarcely thought of it at all. My health is as good as usual so you have no need to worry on that account. and you must not worry on any account, I want you to take good care of your own dear self, and the dear little girls, so that I may find you w[^]ll & happy when I get home. Remember that you are dearer to me than every thing else in the world, and to know that you are well and happy would be the greatest blessing to me, next to being with you. I expect we shall be paid off in a few days, and then I shall send you some money, and I hope you will use all you need of it. There will be four months pay due me on the first day of Jan. but I dont think we shall get ^{^paid for} but two, this time

But I will not write any more now, as I shall get a letter from you in a day or two, and then I will write again. So Good bye my darling, and may God ever bless you.

Truly yours

Leander