

July 8th 1863
Camp Howell Folly Island S.C.

Dear Emmy,

Your letter, dated June 24th came to hand on the 6th inst, I intended to have answered it yesterday. You say you had not received a letter from me for a long time. I am afraid I have rather neglected my duty to my dear little wife. but the fact is, we did not get our mail very regularly here. and I could not bear to write without a letter from you to answer. This is a very poor excuse but I know, you will like it better than to think that^s I thought of you less, than usual. I am very sorry to hear of the accident that happened. to your poor little arm. If I were with you I think I could do something for it, even if it was no more than to kiss it. I hope to hear very soon that you are quite well though such an injury might prove very serious. so you must feel that I am very anxious to hear from you again

My health is so good that I am surprised at it. I don't think I ever enjoyed as good at home. The regt is as healthy as can be expected, they have been worked very hard, having been at work nearly every night for a month, erecting batteries, they are completed at last, and the attack will commence tomorrow. I am very sure, Gen. Vodge's compliments our regt, very highly on their work. He says it is as good a regt as there is on the island. We are to be held as a reserve in the coming engagement, and may not be called in at all, and even if we are, my duty does not put me in a position of any danger, so you need not be uneasy on my account^{nt}.

I must congratulate sister Ruth on the possession of her baby, and I hope to hear in your next that she is doing well. Tell her to kiss her baby every day for me give my love to them all. Tell them that I think of them every day, and am in hopes to see them all, sometime, though there is no prospect of having that pleasure at present. I believe I mentioned something about a peice of print that I was going to send you, but it got mislaid and did not go the last mail, and I shall send it by this. I have not time to write but little this time, but will write again in a few days, and let you know what success we meet with

Hoping to hear from you soon and often. I remain as ever,
truly yours L.