

U.S. Marine Hospital
Wilmington N.C.
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My darling,

Your letter of the 23rd ult. arrived today, and according to promise I must try to give you a good answer, but it is very hard to write an interesting letter when there is so little to write about. It is true that there is the old story that is always new, but I have got tired of writing that. I want to come home and tell you how well I love you.

It is very evident that the way is virtually ended, but how long it will be before we are ordered home there are no means of knowing. It is going to be a great trial for me to wait till that time comes than all the rest has been.

However, it seems as though we could see the end now, and that is considerable. Your letters are beginning to come regular now, so you much write often, and above all dont fret. It will be but a little while now at the most before I shall be wit you, and then I will try to make up for the past four years. Do not work too hard, for I want to find you in good health when I get home. I shall not let you work at all, after I get there, till we have visited all of our friends.

You have probably received the money before this. It was hardly time for it to get there when you wrote. But as you will get both letters by the same mail, I will not write but little this time.

Take good care of yourself, and the children and write as often as you can.

Ever yours,
Leander