

Near Coal Harbor Va
June 10th 1864

Dear Emmy,

I received your letter dated June 3^d yesterday. You are a darling to write often. Your letters are a great comfort to me, and you must write as often as possible. I felt quite anxious to hear from you again for if my Josie is sick. I don't know what I shall do. But I am hoping and praying that you may all be spared to be, and that I may meet you again in life and health. If it shall be so my darling wife, let us not forget to be grateful to the Giver of all blessings, that we have, or may enjoy I wrote you on the 8th inst. And there is not much to write about now but I always feel as though I must answer it at once, even if I have written to you in an hour. It has been unusually quiet here for two days. There has not been any firing on this part of the line except between pickets. It is reported that Gen. Hancock got possession of Bottoms Bridge yesterday afternoon, and captured 1300 prisoners. The report is no doubt true as it comes officially to Gen. Smith. We have taken a large number of prisoners during the past week.

There has not been any important movements on our part for a few days past, as I can learn, but we are expecting something soon. We have not much idea what it will be but the men all appear to be in first rate spirits, and feel confident of success. If we are fully successful here, I think it must end this fighting if it does not bring peace immediately I have not seen Elmer since Sunday. It is almost impossible to find any particular Regt. As we are all in the woods, and are moving every little while. His time will be out in about three weeks now. I hope he will be fortunate enough to get through that time safely. I saw Charles Grover yesterday. The 11th N.H. Regt is near us, and I have been wanted to go and see them, but have not had time. Henry Little has been wounded. How bad it is I do not know. I like my place as P.M. very much. Col. Bell is in command of the Brigade and there are a number of men from our Regt on duty here at Headquarters, which makes it a great deal pleasanter than it would be if they were all strangers.

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I cannot help thinking how pleasant it must be at home now in June. the pleasantest month in the year. How I wish I could be there to take a walk in the woods with you and the children. But never mind I guess any month will be pleasant enough when I get home again. Take good care of yourself my own dear wife and enjoy yourself as well as you can. Give my best regards to sister Hatties. Tell her she has my best wishes on her new baby and I hope it will not be afraid of me. My love to little Ruth. I hope that she and her little ones are all well. I has a letter from Henry yesterday. His foot if getting along well, and he thinks he will be able to join us again I want a great many things but do not like to ask you to send them as I know you do not have a good chance to get anything. But you must send my some postage stamps if you want letters, for I have had to borrow now for some time. I wish you would send me some pocket handkerchiefs for I need them very much, and there is no chance to get anything here, not even tobacco. You can send them by mail there is no other way to send if you could send a towel it would be very acceptable.

Dont forget the envelopes for I have got one, and have had to beg for some time. Now darling what shall I write to finish out this letter. Shall I tell you the old story over again. It is as true as ever, but perhaps I cold not tell it in the way to please you this morning. There are so many talking around me at present, that I cannot get my thoughts into shape. When I write a letter to you I want to be along, and I can always write better in the evening. So I will not try to write a love letter this time as I know you do not need to be assured of my love.

I have kept my promise as yet and shall probably keep it to the end though there are times when if I had not promised I should take it and thing it was doing me good. But I am very glad I made you the promise, but it will tell you that I am well and loving you better than ever if that were possible. Good bye little wife

Truly your own
Leander

P.S. If you can send me five dollars without putting yourself to any inconvenience you will greatly oblige me, for I have not got a cent, and have not had any for a long time.