

Tuesday Night August the 2nd 1864

My Dear Husband

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I seat myself this evening to try to scribe a few lines to you not knowing when you will get them I feel so uneasy and in so much distress when I cannot hear from you I wish them honory Rebs would let the Rail Road alone and let us have the pleasure of sending letters back and forth anyhow I think they might do that We have to be separated so far apart and then cant hear from each other for so long Oh it is awful I get almost crazy sometimes I heard today Uncle Wm Barrack had got home with Homer I should have gone right down to see them but I was expecting company and could not leave Philly promised me to go down and hear the news and see if you did not send me a letter by him I am so anxious to hear from you Oh your precious letters I am nearly sick to get one of them once more The latest one I have had was the one that Mr Obanon brought me so you may know I am getting in an awful way about it If I could get your letters regular the time would not seem half so long Two weeks more thank fortune and the hundred days are out Do you think you will get home as soon as your time is out Let me know as soon as possible

Wednesday morning

We had some nice little showers of rain last night and yesterday Refreshed things up a goodeal We have not had enough to soak down to the roots of things but I am thankful for what we have had Hoping and praying we will get more soon We have had an awful dry time of it Seemed as though things would almost burn up Well my Dear I wonder if you ever got that Box and the letter with the money in it Oh I tell you I am anxious to hear from you Just think you are there without even a Tent to shelter your precious head and not even a Blanket to cover over you Oh I feel awful about it and would send you a blanket if I thought you would get it but I have had so much bad luck with what I have sent you I feel afraid to start anything more I would like to go up to Camp Chase with you when you come home I expect you will go right through Newark Wesley thinks we ought to give our Company a reception I am willing if the rest of the neighbors wants to but I would rather receive my own sweet one by myself where I could do and say what I please What do you think about it We are down Harvesting I had the oats hauled home and made in a little stack in the orchard by the Wheat Amánda would like to have our Orchard fenced over there so she could have the pasture I wish you had made some arrangements about it I tried to get Charlie to see to it Perhaps you and Harvey can make some arrangements about it and it may be that they can do without the pasture until you get home I have not seen her for some time They have been almost destitue of Pasture lately but when they get their Oats off they will have that field then

Will Swan has not been here for more than a week He sent for his pay this morning and sent word he would settle with me or wait until you come home and settle with you I told the boy

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I would rather he would wait until you come home I sent him 15 dollars We dont owe him very much now I have a patient to attend to now Old Bet snagged herself dreadful in the Breast I cannot tell you anything about how it got done She was in the meadow her and the two colts I salted them on Saturday evening She was all right then and I went out on Monday morning to see the fence for fear the Colts would get in the corn field and found her I went for the Mr Lees and they came and sewed it up and gave me directions how to take care of it Harvey says he will help me and Mr Stadden says he will come out and see her I expect I will have a time of it when it gets all mattered and sour I will wish for you worse than ever then Poor Old thing She can hardly see abit I will do all I can for her She is in fine order now It seems to me every time I write I am hurried that I never get to write as much as I want to I would write oftener if I thought it would do any good I hope we will get our letters through now I try to be as patient as I can both for letters and your presence I tell you that you may expect to be nearly eat up Oh that sweet face of yours I could just kiss for an hour strate ahead if I had the chance It seems to me I will just talk night and day Oh I cannot hardly wait for the time to pass off How I pity them poor North Mountain Boys and their families We have not heard one word from them yet my heart aches when I think about them Pa and Mother are in great distress about poor Brother Dont you hear anything from them I did not know but what some of them might have made their escape and come to the Regiment You have my prayers and I just think about you all the time and I have confidence enough in Our Heavenly Father who doeth all things well that he will still protect and bring you home safe The children are well They have had better health than common this summer Katharine is well and a real good girl to me I must close I have company come Mother and Carrie and Mary and Phebe and her Children Mary has just heard that the North Mountain Boys are at LynchBurgh Va In haste your affectionate wife

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Goodbye my dearest one

(Letter in envelope postmarked Newark August 4 addressed to Mr. J. F. Montgomery Sandy Hook Co E 135th Regiment ONG "to follow the regiment")