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Sabbath Morning

On Picket Guard at Halls Cross Roads Near Portsmouth

Virginia, Oct. 5th/62

My Dearest and Devoted Wife,

I seat myself this morning to thank you for your very cheerful letters bearing dates of the 28th and 30th insts. You cannot imagine the happiness their perusal afforded me. Oh Dear One to know that my Dear wife is cheerful and my dear children well and happy all that I ask to make me perfectly happy! I am happy to inform you that I am quite well and happy, and I hope this may find you all enjoying good health and cheerful spirits, there is no news here of importance: I mailed you another paper to day. () is better today he sends love to you.

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Now dear one as regards your coming down here I would say to you that just so () as I find out for certain that we are to remain in this vacinity all winter Just so () I will send for you to come down here, but I cannot tell from () weather we will remain here there is still a rumour that we are going to leave her in a short time but I do not believe it however time will tell! Shoud ou come down you would have to board and I will endeavor to get you a pleasant place close by our own camp and then like () I could be with you when off duty; the probablility is that we will not be paid for some days yet for I saw a letter from our pay

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master to day and he said there was thirty millions to be paid out before our turn would come but I hope and prey we may be payed soone for it worreys me often I think that you need money but dearest after next pay day you will not want.

Where I told you that I enveyed () I meant as you well know that I enveyed him the happiness of having his wife near him you should not be cruel enough to think otherwise dearest.

I feel proud to think that Curty(?) is such a good boy and when I get my next pay I will send him money enough to buy him a new coat and I will hurry Forrest and Oley some money also; I would often send them some presents if I could but I cannot send ever there only what I send in a letter.

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And now my only loved one I want you to continue to be very carful of yourself, and continue to be cheerful and happy, and dear one you must not mind the woman in the () house I know she is ignorant and she is to be pittied; but remember the command of our heavenly Father; love thy neighbor as thyself and Oh my Dearest watch and prey and try to lead our dear children in the paths of rectitude and Godliness;

You will please kiss my Dear little Viola for me and love my Jerry (?) and give my love to Carly(?) and Harry and may God in his mercy watch over, bless and protect you is he prayer of your true and Devoted Husband

More, Anon, Lieut. Augustus Wilson

[postscript[Dear one I shall continue to use every effort in my power to get a furlough fear not we shall meet when god will it trust in him

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