

Near Catlett Station, Va.
August 4, 1863

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My dearest Lis,

Since I wrote you including the printed organization of the Medical Staff of the 11th Corps we have been again on our travels. We have been up to Bristow Station - staid there 36 hours and then came back again to within a mile of our Camp at Warrenton Junction.

Since we have been traveling again we have had no mail facilities-- consequently I have received nothing and sent nothing away!

When we went to Bristow the appearance was that the army would be spread out over a large extent of country for summer camp and wait until the excessive hot weather passed by before there should be any more active campaigning. At any rate the 11th Corps was thoroughly separated and spread out.

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The 1st Division went to Greenwich, a small place toward New Baltimore. The 2nd Division went 1st Brigade to Bristow Station and the 2nd Brigade to Brentville, and the 3rd Division went on as a guard along the R. R. towards Fairfax Station. Friday and Saturday there was considerable fighting and towards Culpepper, and the Army is all massed again between here and Warrenton with Cavalry and flying artillery in front to harass the enemy and I think they are succeeding well, as there are a great number of prisoners being sent on the R. R. to Washington that are captured from day to day.

The weather is very oppressively hot here--the heat is almost intolerable for the past week. Old soldiers say there was nothing like it on the Peninsula last summer. There is one pleasant reflection about it--that this kind of weather can't last always!

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I shall make application today for leave of absence but I think with rather slim chances of favorable action on my application. I really hope for success for nothing except an acceptance of my resignation would please me so much as the privilege of visiting home now. How I want to see you all.

Don't set your heart too much upon my coming as the chances are that you may be disappointed. I am in for a thorough trial for "leave of absence" however

I have nothing new to write--with regard to the General Situation and movements of the army you know more about these matters up there than we do here. About all we know here is just what our Brigade and Division are doing.

Kisses and love for yourself and children. I remain, as ever

Your affectionate

Henry

Should my application be acted upon favorably it will be several days before the papers come through.