

Camp Curtis Philadelphia }  
Sunday evening Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 1862 }

My Dear Wife

Feeling very lonesome this evening I thought to pass my time in writing to you. If I could have the unspeakable pleasure of your company it would suit me much better, but as it is I must be content with the pen

Our camp geographically speaking is situated in the very center of this great city. With that noble structure Girard College in front about 80 rods distant. This consists of a large marble building with marble columns all round of Ionic or Doric architecture and four large marble buildings & one granite all of which are surrounded by a granite wall nine or ten feet high. on our right is the Spring Garden Waterworks & reservoir & we have in sight the Home of Refuge Eastern Prudential & City Reservoir full water. The largest portion of the city numerically speaking is south and east of us and indeed all of old Philadelphia is. This city takes in an area of about 20 miles in length & some 10 or 12 in width but it is not all solid blocks for this distance. The upper part of the city and all about where we are encamped consists