

Camp Curtis Friday evening Feb 14th 1862

My Dear Wife

Yours of the 9th instant come to hand this evening for which you have many thanks I perused it with a great deal of pleasure and interest as indeed I do all of your much loved letters.

This great Metropolis is now all alive with excitement and exultations over our late achievements & successful victories. flags are seen fluttering from every public building & place of business & the papers are watched with much interest for further news one or two more such achievements as Fort Honey & Roanoke Island & secession will be completely crushed out. It is plainly to be seen that the South are already beginning to falter. May God speed the time when this Rebellion may speedily terminate in the triumph of the Union.

We have been having a few fine days but this evening the sky is clouded as the air feels much like rain. Last evening was a very beautiful one and as I sat in the hospital I could not help but let my thoughts wander away towards you & our darling Ada. I have been up until 2 o'clock every night this week with the