

Camp Hamilton Fort Mifflin^{Va}
March 19th 1862

Dear Wife

This is my regular day for writing to you and I seat myself to fulfill this pleasant task. How much one is indebted to the pen one can only tell when they are separated from their loved ones at home.

I have not as yet received any letters from you but are waiting patiently for one expecting that every mail will bring it but find myself disappointed and wait with patience for the next.

I visited the fort yesterday and through the kindness of a sergeant of the 99th N.Y. Regt. was admitted upon the ramparts as his company was practising with the guns.

This fort is very pleasantly arranged upon the inside with nice houses for the officers & fine gardens attached with fruit & shrubbery &c. I saw General Wool in the fort he has a splendid house for his quarters the largest and nicest in the fort. I should judge that there was from 15 to 25 acres enclosed within the walls these walls are about 30 feet thick & some 30 feet high outside of this is a canal about 50 feet wide filled with water with drawbridge leading into the fort. The Union Gun is mounted upon a sand battery.