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My own darling wife

Sur enough the last mail did not disappoint me, for I got two good long letters from you. Oh! it is so good to hear that my "Pete" are getting along so nicely, and that you have not broke down under all your trials. I believe you will get paid yet for all your trouble, and sorrow through these dark days.

There is nothing new whatever to write about here, for now we are having the same routine of camp duty to perform day after day. The Regt. is one of the healthiest now in the field, we have only about thirty sick while all the other Regts. in the Brigade have not less than one hundred and fifty.

Yesterday I got the "first kiss" I have had since I took one from your lips.

We were invited out to Mr. Trundell's (the same place I got a Christmas dinner) a very wealthy Marylander, to dinner. Col. Jewett, Col. Wilson N. No. 14th, Maj. Duncan, with several field officers of a Penn. Regt. of Cavalry and some of our Captains were there, and