

Callitt's Station on the Orange & Alexandria  
R. Road. Va. Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 1863.

My dear Wife:-

I have rec'd your  
two last letters written the 13<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>,  
and one from Helen. Since I wrote you  
last we have travelled over a great extent  
of country, & the worst words you could  
ever dream of. You said that the papers  
stated that we had some fighting but  
no decided victory for either side, that  
is a great mistake. We were victorious in  
every particular. A week ago today we  
had a battle that was much more  
severe than the Big Bull run fight  
and that is more it took place  
on the almost classic plains of  
Manassas. We fought some 4 hours  
with all of Stuart's Cavalry and some  
5000 infantry. We killed of the Rebs  
over 400 and ~~took~~ wounded 500 more