

Camp Butler, Newport News, Va.

Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> Met.

My dear wife:

Your letter written last Thursday was not received till last night. I suppose before this time you have received at least two letters from me written since the battle at Big Bethel. You must have all felt considerable anxiety in respect to us until you knew exactly how we were after the fight. I am glad that you keep up so good courage, and hope you will be as brave as ever till we get home. There is now some talk here of the third Reg't. coming out to take our places in the course of a few weeks, so that we should be discharged before our time is out. Of course you will be glad of any such arrangement as that. Most of here however would prefer to remain the full three months - I am sorry that you are any ways unwell. You will have to take good care of yourself through the warm weather.

You complain that I do not write often enough. It seems to me as tho' I wrote pretty often, but I suppose that you rather expect a letter every night the same as I do. Within a week I have written you often and I believe I get two letters a week from you and one from Laura on an average. I should like one every night. You need not put on your letters