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Sunday

My Dear Wife:

I expected to receive a line from you today on the arrival of the cars but was disappointed. I will answer your letter written last Sunday & rec'd Friday -

I have written you pretty often & have rec'd letters often but none too many - I mean to write you at least three letters a week & have so far written often - I want you to do the same -

We are still at Bristoe & all is quiet - The cavalry near by alarm us every night & we have to get up two or three times but it don't amount to much. Yesterday morning about twenty of the rebels fell upon a small patrol of five or six of our men & took them prisoners, but before they got away a larger party of our men attacked them & retold the prisoners, wounding some of the rebels. It is a most unpleasant place to be in. There is no chance of a general fight, that will result in any thing, but men are in danger of being waylaid & murdered by guerrillas.

John M. Lane