

Head Quarters 12th Regt. V. V.
Bristol Station Va.
May 26th 1863.

My Dear Wife:

I was much disappointed
in not receiving a letter from you today -
I expected one yesterday, but was sure I should
get one today. The mail has come & no letter -
Your last letter was dated a week ago Sunday,
May 17th I presume you have been busy &
so have not written quite so often. I hope you
are not sick.

We had quite a change in the weather Sunday
night, & yesterday & today a little fire is
very comfortable! Yesterday I rode down to
Manassas Junction, where three companies were
stationed & we had a very pleasant ride.
On our return - there were Col. Brent, Chaplain,
Bylow, Downer, the barber & an orderly - we stopped
at a deserted house & picked a bouquet. You
would be delighted to see mine now on the
table before me - It consists of five different
kinds of roses - one yellow rose, ~~double~~ buttercups,
snow balls, spider lily, climbing honey sucker,
lychnidea, beautiful lilies, locust blossoms, & a
great many flowers that I don't know the name