

Head Quarters 1st Brigade 3rd Div 3rd A.C.
Camp in the field near Bealton Va
Sept 10th 1863

My Own Darling wife

Yours of the 7th came
in by tonight's mail all right - Am glad to
know you are all well yet and feeling
well - glad you have seen Capt Ed and
that he is doing so well - This morning
Genl. Morria got leave of absence for
ten days and that leaves me in command
of the Brigade again as ranking officer
and to day I have been signing papers
as "Brigadier Genl" and "big sign"
generally - "aint that grand?" - Col Swett
will start back I'll warrant you as soon
as he finds he can command a Brigade
for he is very fond of "acting Brigadier"
so I do not expect my reign will last
the whole ten days - there is nothing new
to write - all well - all quite - and all
feeling tip top - my health still holds good -
As ever yours William -