

Alexandria Va Apr 29th 1865

My dear Wife.

I have just received your letter of the 26th and hasten to reply to it.

I do not wonder at your anxiety in fact I soon expected just such a letter from you for my long silence, that is long for me.

If you had been in my place for the last 10 days you would not think strange of my seeming neglect. We have marched over 300 miles trails going a long way by water and our mail facilities have been very limited and I did not feel very much like writing if I had the convictions for doing so. Then again I had nothing particularly interesting to write. You should know by this time that if any thing was wrong with me you would be informed of it at once. Though I have not (the wind blows my paper all about) written you may rest assured that you nor our dear children are ever out of mind. I don't think I am much sorry that I did let a few days slip by without writing as you will better apper-