

Head Quarters 16<sup>th</sup> vt. Inf.  
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My Darling Wife -

I should think

you looked handsome - 32 inches.

I hope you dont tell any one.

What a beautiful form. Reckon

I should need an introduction -

Gr. Mother did not measure but 30  
inches when she was the biggest.

I should have to splice my arms

if I saw you - or else buy one half  
at a time - Guess you will have

a whole litter of babies. Am afraid

you will get so big you cant love

me, wont you? I should like to see

you sure. Hope that picture will

come soon. Can you walk yet?

What do you eat? Are you

perfectly careful? & are you well?

It is very cold for the season.

Snowed a little to day.

Which do you prefer. Having a

cobby, or to be out here with me?

Shall you allow the little fellow to

smoke? What a dreadful severe

mother you will be probably. Can