

{ "Head Qrs Co J" 2nd Regt 11th
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My own Dearest Wife { I received your ever
welcome letter tonight dated "Head Qrs of
Light Infantry Putney 11th April 28th
1864." and I was very glad my wife to hear
from you and learn of your improved
state of health and I do hope that
while I am out here you will at least
be blessed with good health and then
I can feel easy about if I know you
are contented and happy. You will at
least try wont you my wife and be
happy while I am here? Well I was
very much pleased with your picture
and I think it very good. "O! you
you put your hair in papers didnt
you" Its a decided improvement
I think my wife. I asked Capt Ballou
if he would like to see my wife?
Said he should showed him the old