Blue Springs, East Tennessee,
April 5, 1865.

Darling,

I wrote to you a short letter two days ago at Bulls Gap. The next day, yesterday, we started on our first post march; we have made this spring and come to this point about eight miles. It was only a little exercise for us and we are feeling better after it. We marched here about ten o'clock this morning and went into camp here where we expect to remain about a week to work on the road and track which is all done up. This is only a small station, not worthy of my account, we are about forty miles from Knoxville and everything is quiet in our front. There being no news as of here worth talking about, when I wrote last at Bulls Gap I said something about our opinion that we would not try to evacuate Richmond. That he was not strong enough, unless General Johnston had left, it was not only an hour after I closed the letter until the official despatch reached us. That Grant had attacked him capture 12,000 prisoners and that there was no doubt that Richmond and Petersburg were in our possession. This news was read to the boys and they have hardly put down cheering till our ambulance came confirming the first.
once that our forces were actually in possession of both cities
we have not had quite cheering in those 40 corps five years
and, so the Great Babylon has fallen four times since enough
for this glorious need, my darling! The same zeal, how much that
take business was suspended in the north and general rallies
was the source of the day, we are so far away as only get a little
taste of the news, just enough to make us happy for a while.
but the papers will be along by to-morrow, and then we can know
more about it. I went down to see General Butler yesterday
and had quite a talk with him, he thinks the war will not
leave Virginia, but he will make the best fight he can and when
he finds he can hold out no longer will make an honorable
surrender of all his forces, would it not be glorious?
but I am not so consoling quite, yet I am satisfied that
the trouble has been and the balance of the business will be
easily accomplished, everything seems to be working admirably
now and gives bright hopes for a speedy end of the great
however, to how glorious would be the jubilee, if heaven will
rime to put the war to this here and we all come home
together! Such a success would be too good amount to contradict
without running into seas of joy. I would like to much if
come home the war would then be over. I want to be
a participant of the last abiding scenes. I would like to be
to return home to day, if at all we have a correct finish the job.
Our advance cavalry under General Stonehouse has gone across the mountains into North Carolina to cut the South. Price said Wood ever had. If Lee should attempt to join the confederate army he has no doubt reached that point. We have just heard a pleasant campaign of it, our 2nd army of sir, I went out letters. I have had some since I left Lumberton, we are not sorry, but think there will be a mail of all the 3rd army of it, 2nd. We got a good letter one of you. I hope the regiment is on the way of and will be as soon as possible. If it is only true. There are a few guerrillas through the county Lumbertown county, but they are getting picked up presently. A few days ago, a guerrilla captain and his men had the boldness to come into our lines and attempt to steal General Wood's horses. The General keeps two very fine black horses and these fellows had no doubt been informed of where his head quarters were. As after dark they came right up to his line. We made attempts to take them when his guard became the alarm and to one of them. The horse to move the guard from his line. The captain got behind in the race and his men turned to fire on the guard but their captain was killed and men were taking to fire on the guard. But their captain was killed and men were taking to fire on the guard.
he was brought in his lap anchorita and a trial had, but
I haven't learned the result yet, this citizen who came
from the information has also been arrested once will
probably be hanging, Ben Wood of this very is now
under command in his old Division, it seems to have
been a mistake about his being appointed to command
the District, I want him at a distance but have not
seen him to speak to him yet, and he, competent to
lead on his promotion, General Elliott is a very pleasant
man, I talk to once we all like being very much
However, also is very pleasant, things have so much more
smoothly then when old Warren was with us, the put our
orders now with being accompanied with cursus and
causes which in the communications long and directly ask he
for Lyme, The weather has become very pleasant even
favorable for accompanying the piano, there is nothing in
this county bowman worth; MCILANNON cany, we only get our
commissaries but once in two years, still we want understand
as it is heartily and yours enough for a soldier like me,
Wood Division went on to Tremont yesterday, nine miles
above him, I saw MCILANNON passing along the road, he adds
very green much comes to see us any more and I don't
come much, I guess nobody was very got into his effective
as the way of many considerably, but he has more to blame but
dismally, he thyroid thyroid as otters the three of us.
We accost a citizen from Welsh's firm in Tremont
he seems to be in with lost, Otta in the tobacco electric business.
There already, the Robinson is warmer some rain, may I stop home to get up
some last from my room the right place that all uses at my
store little hence more, I never believe it in any way.
No word by word, I can much with my ton.