

Camp 'Alabama'
June 25th 1861

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there has been three deaths in it lately. After all I do not know for some out of eight hundred men would most likely have died if all had remained at home. To-day Darling is the 28th June. July will soon be here. You write me when I must come as near as you can and I will do my very best to get off. It makes me slightly nervous to think of it. But my dearest I know you are in good earthly hands, and besides and above all you are in the hands of God in whom we must all put our trust. You do not know dearest how much and how constantly I have thought of you lately. I am satisfied you have not been out of my thoughts for a long time. No matter how busily I might be engaged, my thoughts were and still are constantly recurring to my precious Darling. But I must not write in this strain for I am afraid I will make you sad which I do not wish to do. Our Regiment officers and all are in tents together

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