

Dec 15/42

My dear wife -

Mr. Smith goes to Ala for com-  
-scripts to fill at our Co. which is  
much reduced by sickness pro-  
-motions & absence of various  
kinds - He will be gone nearly  
about the 10 Jan, when he is to  
be back - He has been making  
a good deal for some time but  
will improve very fast now no  
doubt -

I am so fearful of my  
getting home until peace  
comes, which seems as far off  
as ever -

The weather is very  
warm & threatens rain and  
and I suppose we shall  
have floods of it in a  
short time - God knows what  
it will become of our poor

men in bad weather in  
such a climate, inadequately  
clothed and badly sheltered  
as they are.

It seems to  
be the common opinion that  
there will be no fighting  
except among outposts  
unless the enemy advances.

I heard from ~~it~~ a few  
days ago - I have a surgeon  
with me who is disagreeable  
& inefficient, and I can readily  
get rid of him if ~~it~~ will  
come to us & take the place of  
a strong surgeon - He will have  
few medicines or facilities  
would be much annoyed  
no doubt, but would still  
be of some advantage to us.

I have only time to say fare  
= well - affectionately  
H. C. S.

Dec 15 /62

My dear wife---

Jno. Scott goes to Ala for conscripts to fill up our Co. which is much reduced by sickness, promotions & absences of various kinds---He will be gone until about the 10 Jany when he is to be back---He has been moping a good deal for some time but will improve very fast now no doubt-

I see no prospect of my getting home until peace comes, which seems as far off as ever--

The weather is now warm & threatens rain and I suppose we shall have floods of it in a short time---God knows what is to become of our poor men in bad weather in such a climate, inadequately clothed and badly sheltered as they are---

It seems to be the common opinion that there will be no fighting except among outposts unless the enemy advances---

I heard from Ned a few days ago---I have a surgeon with me who is disagreeable & inefficient, and I can readily get rid of him if Ned will come to me & take the place of acting Surgeon---He will have few medicines or facilities & would be much annoyed no doubt, but would still be of serious advantage to us.

I have only time to say farewell----

Affectionately yrs.

H. C. S.