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My dearest Wife and *Lulu*,

It is eve, and Revielle [sic] will sound soon but will add a few words to you to go with Mary's. Your two letters Came to hand yesterday and *today*, and the *tea*. many, many thanks for the same. It seemed so good after getting from *guard duty* this morn to have a cup of nice *tea* as I did this noon and Eve. I have written Mary in letter giving some little items I thought would interest, and I owed her a better letter even than that. I have no news in particular. Your letter done me much good, and I trust you will be able to see much yet to be thankful for.

Kind friends have helped you so you can see your way through *one change more*, which I trust will not be without some pleasant scenes that will help you along in my absence. Have just been out to *Roll call*, and what should I find but another letter, from Sister Kate, a dear good one. will answer soon. Also a note from Ed H and *Peirce*. Am I *not favored*[?] We are near a mail station, and the Cars run regular near us which accounts for it.

My mind has been so much with you, as I knew you was *packing up*—a homesick job I know, but I trust is all for the best.

Good night, with a K. [kiss] as I must put out the light.

Thu[r]s morn. Have just got up a little after 6 A.M. quite cool, but *slept* “warm as toast,” and our tents are very comfortable, and we are living well, as *meat fresh*, can be had. We manage to get some fruit[—]Apples—which agree with me.

You ask some questions, whether I am allowed for shirts &c. *certainly* nothing is *changed* but what we have we have about 42 dolls allowed for clothing &c. independent of our *wages*. I have not drawn more than half, and I think not that. I *did not* see you as we left *Worcester*, altho’ I tried hard enough. Saw Mrs Hobbs and Walker. it was hard *walking* and Could not look about for fear of slipping down[.] the *load* was heavy, and the pavements slippery.

About *undershirts*—Send them if anyone is Coming out, but *not otherwise* until I mention again. We *are not certain* of remaining here, and if we don’t, we might not get anything, but I will tell you more in a few days. I can get shirts of the *Sutler*, altho’ they ask high.

Don’t think I am *suffering*. I am not. Am well and hearty, and contented. Of course we all want to push on, and get through[.]

I think it will close up *all at once*, and suddenly when it *does come*, for we have an *immense Army here*, and at *all points*, and it will be a big *move* when it comes. We are all in good spirits, and the friends must try and keep so at home.

Jno Miller told me about *Henry G’s good fortune* and seemed to think he *is a lucky man*, “always just so,” he says. I hope H will make the most of it, and *improve* it, and appreciate it.

There was a mail went at Roll Call, but this will be delayed till night. I send you two *letters* a week. My regards to *Joseph* I [word missing] he will find business enough *to pay* and keep up *good Courage* for we shall all come out right yet, and *his children* at *least* will see better times, for all this trial, and that thought is a great deal with me. Regards to all friends, and as ever Your loving husband

Jerome

P.S. I bought an *undershirt* this morn. A good one *ribbed*, so You need not send unless you have a safe chance. I prefer that kind next to the *skin*. No news since morn. It is almost P M. drill hour. *Boyden* is out of the hospital and doing well.