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Dear fact<sup>n</sup>,

I know of nothing of interest I have to communicate as there is nothing of interest going on I did not get a letter from you this morning as I expected to and though I could not help feeling disappointed I did not think it any fault of yours that it did not make its appearance, I shall look for it tomorrow without fail. I suppose you are at Uncle Edwards to day enjoying a fine dinner. I would like very much to make one of the party but it can not be so that settles the question. Everything looks so favourable that I am almost inclined to think the war <sup>over</sup> about and the time not far distant when there will be no need of our remaining in the field

I suppose the new call for three hundred thousands more will make those who are liable to draft shake in their boots. Eddy will have to stand it - again unless your quota is filled by volunteers. I think this is probably the last call that will be made unless we should meet with some disaster which is not at all probable. This is the last winter I expect to be away from you. I am bound to spend my life more pleasantly than I have the last few months. With you I feel perfectly contented and a way from you I can not be. No one will know the value of home better than the soldiers after the war is over. The value of home and the society of friends can not be fully realized by those who have never been deprived of them for any length of time, and obliged to associate with those in who you have

no interest I often think how  
happy we will be when settled for  
life. And not have to look forward  
to separation in a few days as  
we have to when I come  
home on leave of absence.  
I sometimes think that I am  
foolish for thinking of you all  
the time, and yet I would  
not have it otherwise for the  
world. I have not heard any  
thing from Col. Hison for some time  
do not know whether he is reinstated  
or not, but suppose not as we  
would have heard of it had  
it been otherwise. I think  
my chances for St. Ed. very good  
but do not care much about  
it. I send you lots of kisses  
and bushels of love

Write often  
Your loving husband  
Steve