

Camp Washburn Sept 1st 1862

My Darling wife

I received yours written this morning, to night and am very sorry to hear sister Katie is no better. still I believe she will get over it, for a fever is one of the diseases that hardly ever prove fatal, persons will go down almost to the brink of the grave, and then recover. She is very sick there is no doubt but somehow I believe she is going to get over it, and have all the time. You must keep up your courage good, and be brave and careful as I know you can when in quite trouble. I got back safe and sound Saturday night, and all appeared glad to see me - I learned the first thing that my case was all right with the war department - today Monday we were mustered into the United States service, and I have got my Commission as Maj. of the 15th Regt., and am now in the service of my country, and shall endeavor to do my duty like a Major whatever the consequence. If all was well at home I should feel that this was the proudest day of my life. I am going to do the best I can to visit you again, but it is a little doubtful - today