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My Own Dear Loving Wife

I have not been so lonely for my darling yet as I am at this moment when I sit down to write to her. God bless your dear heart. How am I to wait all the long time until Saturday night before I see you? I am sure I don't know.

Today went by very quietly down town and at its close I found a great deal of work done. So much indeed that I believe I can keep the printers supplied for a long time in advance. Tomorrow I am going to bend my energies to the Page matters and to several affairs of Father's that need attention.

I have just come from dining with your Father Howard came down at six o'clock but declined to stay to dinner. His professional income is such that he has started an account at the Fidelity. I saw him going off with pass and check book.

I told you today that Merrill expected to remain on duty during August. This is a great thing for me, as it takes all care about proof off my shoulders. I run the valiant individual a little about the "Troop" and he certainly richly deserves all the runnings that can be given him. The other day he assured me that the "Troop" had seen more "hard and active service" during the week that "any other body of men on the field" Does not that sound like

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Antietam and Malvern Hills?

Your yesterday's letter arrived about two o'clock. I am so glad that you have found some pretty spots in the vicinity and something to do. You must trot me out to see all your discoveries as soon as I arrive and then I will unfold to you my plan for closing up the summer.

I am at a great loss to know what to read all the periodicals have been finished up and as the Library is shut I can get nothing from that source. I must invade P.A C. before I start up to you and see what I can get hold of.

God bless you, my sweet little Love. Kiss Tots for me and keep a host of kisses for your precious self. In less than seventy hours now I will be with you. Good bye

Your Own Loving
Larry

