

Head Quarters 115th Regt.  
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My Dear Cousin

Your of 3 Ult.. is just recv.. and contents noticed. It is thirteen days since you wrote it. so you see we cannot hear from each other so often as if I was with the "Army of the Potomac." You need not think your letters are not interesting for I assure you they are quite so. and if you were situated as I am. in the army. a thousand miles from home and friends, and thrown entirely among strangers, you would be glad to hear from a friend even if it was but a few lines if in those few had news from the "Army of the Potomac."

Genl Lee is advancing on Washington with 90,000 men, and is in possession of Alexandria and Centerville, also the rebels have made another raid in Pennsylvania, and Harrisburgh is threatened also. Harper's Ferry is again in the hands of the "Rebs." Isn't this discouraging? The war things are working now. I fear this war is to last several years yet. in which case I guess there will not be many of the 115th who will be fortunate enough to reach their homes. but never mind. if we only live in this world. as becometh those who profess to be Christians. we may meet our friends in heaven. where all is Serene. You are welcome to charge me. not only with the kisses. but with interest for them into the bargain and if I ever have the good fortune to call upon you I shall be sure to pay you and Myra compound interest if you want it. Next week if our Regt is not ordered to move (and there isn't much hope of it) I am going to Beaufort. the most beautiful place in the whole South . so said to be at least, and while there I will see whether I can get my photograph taken and if so will send it. Genl Hunter has been superceded by Genl Gilmore and has left the department.

Our new Commander is making preparations to make another attack on Charlestown and hopes to be successful. I hope he will. Do you think the 115th will be allowed to participate in the enterprise? Please excuse this miserable writing. Give my love to all. Yours Affectionately Milton