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My Dear Saddie

This morning I was so happy to receive a letter from you, that I hardly know how to express to you my sincere love and admiration. Had expected ere this & hardly know the reason why I did not get one – supposed there was some good reason so I waited contentedly untill [sic] it came this morning – Was surprised to hear that it had been so long – twelve days since you had heard from me – Have written twice [sic] since that time & perhaps ere this date you will have received them.

I should be very happy as I stated in my last letter to hear from you as often as you could find time to write, & I certainly will take time

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mediately[sic] to answer. Some of the boys here receive letters nearly every day – My lovely Girl. I assure you that I do appreciate the warm and affectionate letters which you write & I beg of you Dearest one, never to have any doubts or fears as to my faithfulness towards you. Now that I am assured – that you love me – my hopes, happiness & all future success dearest one are centered in you. If I know that you are happy, I shall rejoice – If sorrowful I shall sorrow with you. In regard to my enlisting for three years – I do not think it will be necessary for anyone to serve that length of time – believe we shall see the end of the war (at the fartherest [sic]) at the end of Eighteen months and in one year or less believe it will be pretty well decided. & I will Dear Saddie – pray with you that

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there may be a speedy termination of the war, & that all our hopes may be realized; & when you ask me not to forget you – among the many beautiful & accomplished ladies who visit our Camp I feel more proud of you than ever – to know you feele [sic] an interest in me, and as the ladies of which you speak at different times visit our Camp (the accomplished one quite scarce) I feele [sic] proud to know that there is one not a thousand miles distant whose voice is more musical – whose ways are more pleasant & whose heart is as brave & last but not least, - - who cares more for me than they all could care.

I should be very glad to see you – to see you all before going on a Southern Expedition which if the Regiment is sworn in – we will make ere long.

Our worthy Col. Mr. Wallace has

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returned from Washington and has been at leave day before yesterday to see General Prentice & see if it could be so arraigned [sic] that the boys could be permitted [sic] to visit home before going for the long term 3 yrs[sic]. I am not informed yet what was the result of the conference. In order that the Regiment be accepted for the 3 yrs. 4/5th of the men composing said Regiment must be in favor of it by vote, & as I understand it, if 1/5th on taking a vote of the Regiment are against the 3 yrs. proposition [sic] - then the Regiment will not be accepted I hope & trust that the boys will do their duty. but do believe that if they are not permitted to go home – that not more than 2/3ds will be in favor of the 3 yrs.[sic] proposition [sic]. I thank you for your kindness dearest one in regard to

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