

*LETTER FROM A.K. HANNA TO HIS WIFE, ELIZABETH, WRITTEN WHILE IN THE
LADIES RELIEF HOSPITAL IN LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA, DURING THE CIVIL WAR.*

Lynchburg, VA
July the 30th, 1864

Dear Wife,

I take my pen to inform you that I am still on the land of the living and hope these few lines may find you all enjoying the blessing of health, one of the greatest blessings god gives.....

I have had a perty hard time of it since my sojourn here in the city. I was wounded on the 17 of June and thought they could save it without taking it of until this month when it became necessary to save life. I had it amputated the 11 of this month which great relief it hasant pained one fourth what it did befour it was amputated it was doing very well until the last 3 or 4 days but looks like it healing up slowly.

I have had the direrer for about 3 weeks but am getting beter fro the last five days it has got me weakened down very mutch my apetitet is bad and don't eat mutch bread i drink buter milk
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The weather is the warmest I ever saw it. Haint rained here for 7 or 8 weeks everything look like it was dead the corn will make nothing vegetables is scarce and high tomatoes \$5.00 per dozen bens \$5 peck apels from 2 to 4 dolars per dozen flower \$300 per barl cornmeal \$54 per bushel and other things according the wis men says we will have peace but for my part I don't see no sines of it without it is hard fighting for there has been some of the hardest fiting this summer that that has been yet the yank papers states that grant has lost 200 hundred thousand men this summer the rebels has lost a great many men. Ther 8 hundred wounded here in the different hospitals ther is only about fifty in the relif hospital

So nothing more but remain your loving husband until death.

At _____ Hanna to E.A. Hanna

NB write as soon as this comes to hand and give me all the news give my love to all enquiring friends and direct your letter to Lynchburg VA ladys relief hospital.

M Walkup expects to start home this week and will give you the particulars

MB Walkup