

Synchburg Va July the 13 1864

My Dear wife

I take my pen in hand to  
let you know that I am still  
alive and hope those few lines may  
reach you enjoying the blessing of health  
I was wounded on the 17 of June was shot  
above the ankle both bones was broken  
The doctors thought it would get well  
without taking it off until last week  
when they met and come to the conclusion  
that amputation was necessary and I gave  
my consent to have it done it was ampu-  
tated yesterday which gave me great relief  
and I think I will get well now from  
present appearances ~~it is~~ but <sup>was</sup> ~~super~~  
~~as~~ painful to what it had before it <sup>was</sup> taken  
off if you have any idea of coming to see  
me I want you to give it out there is no  
place for to stay here the hospital is crowded  
don't think of it will write you and  
let you know how I am getting along