

Walschen Sunday, 8th, 1864

My dear dear baby

I got your long
and loving letter just after my father
said well I wish I had been after
the ribs with a sharp stick I heard
the Post Pillow on them and tonight
thru a lesson which they will long
remember you will see full accounts
of it in the papers and to me should
you not be in St Louis for a copy
Of Cousins the Old Lady will keep a copy
of that which relates to her darling son
And so my darling you gave Binnie a
good lecture on spending money
play is not his or well I don't know
but I deserved it I wonder there been
sight bad and ought not to have
done as I did I will not play any
more for money for six months to come
by way of atonement I am living economically
and will be able to send Binnie a good
portion of my wages I expect to be
paid off in a few days I am so
sorry for my poor letter by dear little
sond how I long to see him and

And take him to my friends & say I
kiss him for me & I should back him
to Call him Papa My own dear
baby How my heart grows after
you all and believe me my
own darling child that could I
get out of the Army now I should
do so never mind I will not re-
main longer than next spring &
any sale then I will go home and
you will love me all to your self
own more than ever to be desired as
Judge says. I have got out our quarters
and should you come down next fall
we will have a nice room to live in
& I think the lady who occupies a part
of it will vacate altogether The weather
is delightfully cool I know you would
be delighted with your down here now
just your kind of days And so your
dear I will only write once or twice
like old Lady you are very much
mistaken that you shall hear at
least ten a week from you all
I have the Ammi. writes you &
hope she has not forgotten that brother
dear entirely Tell him I am no great
about writing but my heart is all with

Chermond is in superb condition and
will come from one of their days
to bear the "Red Men" as it says
you by Frank is still with me
and after talks of by is by and
try of yourself this summer I will
try and do all the work down here
I don't want to see you troubled in any
thing hereafter that is reasonable and
within our means And you sh-
ouldn't be unhappy down
say you own love
Bennie