

[LETTER 7]

Near Black River Bridge  
Aug 2

My own dear child

John and Dr Lendich[?] got  
to Vicksburg this morning Jim goes to see after  
his leave of absence. I am anxious  
to get him off. He has not been very  
well for several weeks and I think a  
change would be of service to him.  
I hardly believe Bunny[?] will ever permit  
him to return to this army We are  
most delightfully located. Our tents  
are pitched under a pine grove of trees  
along a gentle slope high dry and airy  
There is every probability that we will  
remain here through the summer I  
assure you I am healthy[?] rejoice at it  
for we are in as healthy a spot as men  
can boast of. There is no telling now when  
I shall return should the regt [regiment] be consolidated  
You may expect me within a month if  
not then not before several months yet  
the little things you send me I find very  
useful especially the slippers The cordial is  
delightful all the trouble about it is that  
there is so little of it I will try and  
make it go as far as possible  
I have not yet opened it Mens quarters  
law. Last night I was some what  
troubled and to day I will rig it up  
I wish you could see our camp it is  
so prettily located. I feel gloriously this  
morning. All I want now is my own  
dear child with me We must bear  
bravely the present separation The future  
will be all the more bright and happy  
Jim is off so I must finish  
Good bye my own dear child

Ever your own

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