

Clare May 26/6

Dear Love - Your letter was rec^d
yesterday. I too had wanted anx-
iously for a letter and wondered
that I found none for me at the
P. O. My wonder was however all
removed when I learned that you
had not heard from me.
If had I wrote in regard to not
knowing when I had written
before was entirely playful &
slightly satiric. The truth is I
had written twice and Web de-
clares that I had three times
since leaving Rome, viz once
on the way down, at Geneva and
once before after arriving at Clare
but I had written before at An-
con perfectly certain for I recollect
well the circumstances, and

and my after anxiety at
having forgot to tell you
to direct to me in case of
Capt. Wanger, for if sent
without that there is little hope
of my getting a letter. You will
therefore please smother your
impatience at my neglect
and send me that good long
letter that you had written
for me. I am out on the
hills again to-day and every
thing is if possible more pleas-
ant than it was a week ago.
I am right in the midst of a
thicket of Laurel and out of
sight and hearing of all the
world. — So, I am out for
there is a dinner beat called
to religious service at No. 3. Bann

It was quite an undertaking for
me to comb up here this morning
and to save me the trouble
of journey down and back I
agreed to bring me some dinner
but I have just eaten it and although
it was taken from the
Quartermaster's store it was
real good. We have pretty good
fun considering our occupation
and though some of the boys
complain bitterly, I am quite well
satisfied with what we have
to eat. I have never known so
much excitement before. I
fully believe that all the "punkies" of
New York have emigrated here
for there are enough to contain
mate a continent. I have
found one thing to console
me here and that is a very
young girl, early with a head
I became acquainted in Weldon
Miss Maria McChesney.

He is attending the General
College here and I had a
fine visit with her the other
evening. I was not very well
acquainted with her in W. and
she was Lizzie's special friend
that of course established quite
a friendly bond between us,
at once. He is very pretty &
well known and as cordially as
I could wish. They are terribly
restricted here now on ac-
count of the soldiers and are
not permitted to leave the
building after tea study near
a window or speak to a
soldier outside of the doors.

Direct your letters in care of
Capt. Geo. G. Wanger, until
further instructions. Give my
love to all friends and assure them
of my contentment.
An Romain Albion.