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we had a fine visit. But I awoke
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me to help him so I will close
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and believe me, as ever your true
friend and well-wisher. Edwin Winter

Stratburg Pa
Oct 15th 1864

My dear L.

You are looking anxiously
for a letter from me and wondering
why it does not come. The reason
is that for four long weeks I
have had no chance to send
mail at all consequently have not
written. But the mail goes today
and I will write a few lines that
you may know I am still safe
and that you are remembered by
me. Since we have ^{run} the
Valley mail has been sent to me
twice so that your letter of Sept 18th
reached me a few days since and
I assure you it was welcome in
deed. Time will not allow me
to write half what I wish. But
I think our mail will go out

as often as twice a week now and
I will write again in a few days.
I suppose you are well gratified
in regard our movements for
the past month but there are
many things connected with our
trip up the Valley that I will tell
you when I have more time.

We have run up the Valley 150 miles
from Harper's Ferry west within
five miles of Stanton but are
now back at Stratburg 18 miles
above Winchester. I understand
the Rail Road is being put in order
from Alexandria via Manassas to
this place, and if such be the case
we will soon get our mail regu-
lar again. During the past few
weeks we have been constantly on
the move and I am scarcely tired
out and would like to rest a few
days at least. and I think we
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I have seen but our daily paper
in the last month but if there
are some our armies are getting
with good success at almost every
point and there are good reasons
for thinking that the end of this
civil war is not far distant. I
really hope the war will end this
winter. But do not write to me it
until the south is willing to return
to the Union, and this war never
will end until then.

Dear L. when you spoke of that little
soldier that came to his friends at
Hammonton and his reception I thought
I too would like to walk up the
street and meet my dear friend
L. I should not expect her to
throw her arms around my neck
as that lady did yet I know she
would be glad to meet a friend
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Strasburg VA
Oct 15th 1864

My dear Lo

You are looking anxiously for a letter from me and wondering why it does not come? The reason is that for four long weeks I have had no chance to send mail at all. Consequently have not written. But the mail goes today and I will write a few lines that you may know I am still safe and that you are remembered by me. Since we have been up the Valley, mail has been sent to us twice so that your letter of Sept 18th reached me a few days since and I assure you it was welcome indeed. Time will not allow me to write half what I wish, but I think our mail will go out

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Dear Lo when you spoke of that little soldier that came to his friends at Hammonton and of his reception. I thought I too would like to walk up the street and meet my dear friend Lo. I should not expect her to throw her arms around my neck as that lady did yet I know she would be glad to meet a friend that she has not seen for three long years. You need not look

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Edwin Wright

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Yours Truly
Ed. Wright

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Sheridan N.H.
August 9th 1855
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its destination but I will keep
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receive a letter from you soon
Well dear So I am in charge of
soldiers I received my discharge
last week at Buffalo and thank
you I feel glad to be free again

I am now visiting my sister
in Sheridan and am enjoying
myself quite well. Next week
I am going to Charleston where
I wish you were there what
a fine time we would have
would we not I am talking of
going to Washington next afternoon
but cannot tell sure I expected
to have to go to Washington to settle
my accounts with God but I did
not I settled all my accounts
and secured my pay at Buffalo
but I think I am sure a good
thing to go to Washington and
getting a few horses and besides
I am wanting to see you might
I tried to come and see you in
my way but I could not
get permission to do so I know
you are disappointed for you

expected to have seen me with
my sister in my home in the
town of Portland at present I
find every thing much changed
since I went away four years
ago and it seems like being
among my strangers I don't
expect to find but few acquaintances
in Charleston and as you were not
there I don't expect it will be
interesting I wish you were there
keeping the P.O. just as when I last
saw you then you might help
prepare me if that time I get some
more some change that I hardly
know what to do with myself
and then I take a look at your
photograph and wish I was in
the room with you and not be surprised
if I go to the depot soon morning before
long and purchase a ticket for

[letter written to Loanda Lake in Hammonton, N.J.]

Sheridan N.Y.
August 9th 1865

Dear Lo

I have been anxiously looking for a letter from you for some time and as it does not come I have formed a conclusion that you have not rec'd my last letter and will spend a few moments this morning in talking to you. I am so anxious to hear from you that I can hardly wait until this reaches it destination but I will keep up good courage and hope to receive a letter from you soon. Well dear Lo, I am no longer a soldier I received my discharge last week at Buffalo and I tell you I feel glad to be free again

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I am now visiting my sister in Sheridan and am enjoying myself quite well. I Next week I am going to Charlotte and how I wish you were there. What a fine time we would have would we not? I am talking of going to Washington week after next but cannot tell sure. I expected to have to go to Washington to settle my accounts with Gov. but I did n ot. I settled all my accounts and received my pay in Buffalo. But I think I can make a good thing by going to Washington and getting a few horses and besides I am wanting to see you very bad. I tried to come and see you on my way home but could not get permission to do so. I know you are disappointed for you

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expected to have seen me ere this. I am making my home in the Town of Portland at present. I find every thing much changed since I went away four years ago and it seems like being away among strangers. I do not expect to find but few acquaintances in Charlotte and as you are not there I do not expect it will seem like home. I wish you were there keeping the P.O. just as when I last saw you. Then you might help pass away the time. I get so lonesome some days that I hardly know what to do with myself and then I take a look at your photograph and wish I was at Hammonton. You need not be surprised if I go to the depot some evening fefore long and purchase a ticket for Hammonton N.J.

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I have got more to tell you than I could write in a week but thinking I will see you ere long I will discontinue this letter as pen, ink and paper are being poor.

Now please write soon dear Lo for I am so anxious to hear from you and hoping to hear from you soon. I remain as ever

Your Truly
Ed Wright

P.S.

You may direct to

Portland
Chaut Co
N.Y.

[written sideways on edge of page:] I think I will visit Mrs. Stebbins while in Charlotte.

[Note on envelope by Loanda Lake:] 19th of Aug 65

Ans'd this letter was glad the writer was alive and free from every fetter. The day is warm and pleasant too And I am almost happy and I will say to him & you that some folks are so happy.