

Timber Hills, June 22nd /65

My dear Husband

As I received

no letter from you today I will answer the one that I got last Wednesday. I thought I would get one today and then I could answer two in one. But I was disappointed.

I was glad to hear that you was well and hope your eyes are well ~~are~~ this time.

I am glad that you think you will get home. you are needed here for home is no home without you here. It is here a good deal as it is with you down there, we have a great many reports

and none of them reliable.
The 86th have not got home
yet but they are in Chicago
and are expected home
every day. Mary got a
letter from John today and
he was well. He is in
Louisville Ky.

I have not sent you any
paper yet but I will as
soon as I can. I thought
father would have been down
before this time. When
he does come I will have
him mail one as often as
he can. Fathers folks are
all well I believe. They have
not been down for a week
or two. Dock Bickford has
come home. Mat goes to see
Annie Shafer. He went over
to Pekin last Saturday

to see her. Lizzie was
over last Sunday. Annie
is well and thinks she
will be over ^{as} soon as the
boys come home. Lizzie's school
will be out in four weeks after
this. She is awful glad.
We are going to have plenty
of fruit of all kind this
year and I am sorry that
I cannot go blackberrying.
I have such a cold ^{now} that
I can hardly speak above my
breath. Laura is well and often
speaks of Papa. I can't think
of any thing new to write to
night. I hope you will not
injure yourself fighting gray
backs. Write soon and then
to your loving wife

Eliza

Mary and Lizzie all send love and
hope you are well