

Adj. Gen. Light Artillery
James Island. Sept 22. 1863.

I was greatly pained my darling,
among other serious losses of the late
engagement at Ring-gold, to see that
Gen. Wallhale is numbered with the
killed, although hope still lingers,
for his death is rather conjectured
than ascertained. I had the pleasure
of meeting him at Atlanta not very
many weeks since. You have seen
his wife, and have spoken of her
beauty, and love for him. - That en-
gagement must have been very bloody,
if the losses in General. Affairs for
rich specify data upon which to found
an estimate. It is the first time in
the history of this war, that a gen-
eral battle has ever been fought upon
the soil of Georgia. - The result seems
still suspended in a trembling bal-
ance. We grant we may not fail of

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a great and decisive victory. Success
there, humbly speaking, seems essen-
tial to our existence as a nation.
Under the most favorable circum-
stances, there will be the tribute
which brave men must pay. The
protection of our homes, and the ven-
eration of our rights, are secured
only at the expense of the lives of
the noblest and the most heroic of
the land. And even in the midst
of victory, the pangs of separation
are almost lost amid the lamenta-
tions of the bereaved.

There is no material change in
the status of affairs here since I
last wrote you. I had a very
creditable "Inspection and Review" this
morning, of four of the Light Bat-
teries under my command. - I am
doing all that I can to place them
upon a proper war footing - but
Darling, - it is no easy matter. The

"Most decided difference exists between our
Georgia Batteries and those from this
State now on the Islands. - The former
are all well-dressed, equipped, of the
good order of their horses and e-
quipments - the latter, negligent, igno-
rant, and awkward - both men and
horses. The fault is, the Officials in
the District have been so much
occupied with increasing garrisons, and
managing the Blockade, that they have
suffered the military to relapse into a
condition of positive idleness - culpable
neglect, and astonishing demoralization.
Had not this siege occurred, there is
no saying where matters would have
ended. They could not however, have
grown much worse.

The celebrated Henry R. Linn of
Virginia, is now encamped, with his
Brigade, only a few miles from us.
He is the General who is said
to have remarked, - when speaking of
his military knowledge - that he knew

only one order, and that was "Five."
 The temperature today has been de-
 lightful, and now the falling snow
 is shedding these soft ruddy rays
 so peculiar to an autumnal eve-
 ning. But the warm weather is
 not over yet, I expect. Oh my dear
 Miss, how do I wish that I was
 the afternoon of the 28th of October, and
 in Augusta, with an indefinite
 amount of absence in my pocket - do
 you think any one could have been
 happier or more blessed than
 I am now being
 Miss Eva B. Est.
 Augusta, Geo.

B. C. Emerson - Oct. 28, 1863

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Dearest love W. Lewis Philo. God bless
 you my own precious Eva, and give
 you sweet health with the perfect
 influences of His Love and forgiveness.
 Love and the living, ever present joy,
 and pride, of your devoted
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