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Beaulieu & Co. Pa.
Sept. 15. 1862

My dear Jennie

Just as we are nicely
fixed up and anticipating
very good times - Our tents array-
ed like grottoes - mine especially
in expectation of your visit this
winter - that old pest a "marching
order" comes, and by tomorrow
night, we will probably be many
miles from here. The rebels have
cleared out, it is said, and gone
towards Richmond. Their intention
no doubt is to either surround Rich-
mond & go into the Cotton States, or
to induce us further into the inter-
ior where our supplies will
not be so convenient & where our
chances of retreat in case of disas-
ter will be diminished. The latter is
probably the motive of Lee.

I did hope to receive
those shirts which you are so
kindly making for me before

Leaving but I fear the hope is vain.
We are expecting Plunkett out
every day - indeed, I wish that
whole Ensign's detail would be per-
mitted to return for good.

Everything in the Regiment
goes on well - all friends are
well - and I have a full if not
a very efficient staff.

If we are here tomorrow
at ten o'clock A.M. we are to have
a grand division horse race - mine
I expect will come off victor. But
why should I bother you, Lou, with
nonsense like this? In fact, if I had
anything else to do - and had but a good
horse - I would not engage in it myself.
I assure you.

Dr Sullivan is in good spirits
but he has appeared a little "dreamy".
Late as if he intended the felony
(fellowing) of Manaike.

Give my love & kisses
to Lolie - and regards to Lizzie.
By the way do you hear at all now days
from James's widow? I will drop you
another line when we talk again.

Erin

Sept 15-1863

I have been thinking of you very much lately
 and wondering how you are getting on.
 I hope you are well and happy.
 I have been very busy lately
 but I have managed to find some time
 to write you a few lines.
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