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Sangster Station Va  
May 14th 1864  
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the old institution has seen better days, I hope it will not alarm you, my being in the County "[underline] Poor House [underline]," for such things you know will happen sometimes in the army. There are only about 6 inmates at this time. Of course, I am [underline] excepted [underline].

I have just heard that we move again on to-morrow but it is only about 3 miles farther up the Road. It is the fate of Soldiers, when they get comfortably fixed in one place they are sure to be ordered away.

I have been long enough in the service now to quietly submit to any circumstances however hard. I have not yet received a letter from you. I am getting very impatient hope it will not be long now as our mails I think will come
regularly hereafter. The news from the army still continues to be very gratifying, the fighting is terrible and the killed and wounded are counted by thousands. Yet we cannot expect to conquer them without losing heavily. I never felt so hopeful of seeing the end of the Rebellion as now. I think this summer and fall will close it. Will not that be a happy day that shall proclaim peace again to this distracted country. Then will I happily bid adieu to the Blood stained fields of Virginia to return to them no more as a Soldier.

Then Lou we shall be happy, far happier, for having been so long separated by the stern decree of war. These are pleasant reflections.
and most willingly does this mind dwell upon them. But I must close at present.

Let me hope you are enjoying good health. With the joyous spring and the many kind friends that surround you your spirits I know are also joyous. Write often.

Address as formerly. I remain
Ever Truly Yours
Tom
Lou J. Seward