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My Dear Wife

You can hardly know the difficulty of dictating a letter under my present circumstances. And it is only my extreme desire to relieve your anxiety that I do as much as this.

My wounds are daily gaining strength. My appetite is very good.

I have no doubt in the course of time of appearing to you cured of these wounds.

Every effort is made by the family to procure me good food and I enjoy it very much. I take my meals regularly and am conscious of increasing strength.

My Dear Wife you must not expect to hear from me in this way. It is almost impossible to dictate a letter in this way. Ever Yours A Upson

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