

June 3d, 1863  
No – 96  
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Plantsville, Conn.

*(Yellow envelope postmarked Annapolis M.D. June 3 with a 3-cent stamp. Letter is on one sheet of lined stationery folded in half and is written on four sides in ink.)*

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My Dear Wife,

Yours of the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2d came tonight – The 1<sup>st</sup> I have recd this week Presume you wrote Sunday eve but it has not yet come – There is some great slackness in mail matters between here & home – I wrote you nearly every day last week, long ones too – They probably are traveling round; may be have been captured by the enemy & are on the way to Richmond – Now about coming here, there is no difficulty Passengers arrive here at 7 ½ P.M. leaving New York in the morning – The trains connect at Annapolis junction – You might have taken the escort of Lt. Lewis & Sergt. Stannard – However if Wm. J. is coming on next week very well, provided we are not ordered off – It looks as though the Col. commanding meant to make us stay out in camp – But I guess he will find the job a tough one – As for dresses you want enough for a decent (**Pg. 2**) change – Guess three will do, if you have them – Of course I wish my wife to look well – If it is too much trouble or you prefer to spend what it would cost in some other way I will not insist – But my desire is that you come for seems to me you would enjoy the trip – If I could accompany you & take a look at Philadelphia & Washington I know you would think the journey worth the cost – Don't believe Wm. J. will be ready next week – He wrote me that he expected to come about the middle of June – I shall be glad to see him especially if he brings you along – Now do as you please – By the way I shall want some money soon if you don't come – Lent Capt. Smith \$12 & Griffin \$12, which pretty much cleaned me out – not quite so close as the rebs. did, but too nearly so for board bill & emergencies – I have been up to the cars every train & watched the passengers as they alighted but no woman looked like my wife – Well, I know those babies & family cares were in the (**Pg. 3**) way & my next resort was the post office – Where we hang round waiting for the mail – When that brought nothing I had to fall back upon newspapers – So you see that wife & news from home occupies the first place – The rest is mere make shift to prevent time from hanging heavy on our minds – This week however I have been trying at odd spells to make out an account of the march, battle, capture xc. – It is up hill business – Had rather play checkers with other officers, or chat over stirring scenes through which one & another has passed – But I guess it will be tolerable if I make up my mind to send it – Have been giving more time to books since I found the hospital library – Wonder why I hear from none of the many to whom I wrote letters along the first few days – Perhaps they don't direct right – Sorry about those caterpillars – Hope you keep them off the young trees – Nothing of the kind is seen here – But we want rain – Had slight showers this morning – Hear (**Pg. 4**) nothing from camp – Got our Press tonight, the first here – I did not believe Griffin would return the money – He has not been paid & probably had

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nothing laid by at home – But it will come finally – You need not chase him for it – Another thing – If we are ordered to our regiments I shall have to get a sword xc. – Have several times almost resolved not to by but wait until I could capture one from the enemy - I intend if the Gods wills, to make up for what they got from me by doing the like to some of them ere long – But then it is necessary to have the equipments – However I keep patient & let none of these matters worry me – You are sparing of particulars about business matters –

We want at least a week to talk over things – That is the surest way to communicate – The most pleasant too – Come down to Annapolis & be a paroled prisoner for a while; the living is good – Strawberries plenty – a quiet place – nights delightful – every thing as lovely as one could expect – Shall have to get up a 5 to-morrow morning to send this along by the 1<sup>st</sup> train – Haven't done that lately –

My regards to Julia Ann & all the family – If father is failing fast I ought to come home –

Truly your husband,  
A. Upson