In the Wilderness.
May 7, 1864, P.M.

My Dear Wife: Here I am out in the front - the front line park of the army. We came out to show the enemy, as about 18,000 of them were about the strong, but we have not found many of them. There are three or four guns, but far from us which fire shells over us and hit us every once in a while, but we have had few casualties.

I am well, in good spirits and only a ting.

Good bye dearest.

This is bad news. We have been fighting them these days with varied success. Lord much doing to say here.
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