My dear— I have just learned that Gen'le Crook is making an official report of the Battle of the East Campaign and has mentioned me as having acted with distinguished gallantry as Commander of the Sharpshooters throughout the whole campaign.

I am the only one he chose to confer this distinguished honor upon in his Brigade except his own personal Staff.

My desire is being this as a true and offering, and cast it at your feet to be considered by you as a suit reco-lection of your choice.
I try to fancy myself worthy of you, but if I were the son of God or myself and excused all my every virtue, I still would think I was not worthy of one so noble as my wife.

Dottie is very well, as is John. To the boys in good spirits, I enclose you the proceedings of my Brigade to let you know our feelings here on the issue before us. Love to Be, Mother & Sisters and all the children.

Keep much as it is yourself, and receive some for all.

Goodbye from John.