

More sends love

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Phil & Murch 20th

Loving & anxious thoughts
My beloved Brother are daily
visiting you & hovering about
your dwelling place. and I
pray God may protect you
and all who are dear to you
through all the dangers that
threaten to invade you.

As long as this terrible war rages
we feel more like sojourners
than those who have a home
in the land. and the thought
that familiar friends form a
part of our enemies. makes
a bitter portion of our distresses.
we have much cause to be
grateful, for the blessing of health
through out our family con-
cern. Edward Etting's boys are

reunited, their Mother's letters
are as comfortable as could
be expected Theodore is very
well satisfied with his posi-
tion, expects to make his
trial voyage in June, which
we hope will give him strength
to go through the hardships of
a sailors life. It is fortunate
that both he & Charles are fond
of their profession. Ask your Father
- one Anna that her cousins
resolve to be Nurses, as far as
their earned desire to do their
duty will make them so, Charles
has become 1st Lieutenant and
in the absence of the other
Officers in his regiment, is doing
double duty.

I frequently hear of the not from

Therefore must be happier
give much love for me to
Dear Ann & the girls. I am
glad their time is so usefully
employed & that your home
is made happy & cheerful
by their young & innocent
society. I profit by the musical
talents of my neighbor Miss Pea-
son, in my quiet Morn-
ings give my love to your
sons, I suppose Bernard is
much with you, am glad My ^{mother's}
wife is in good health, it is
long since she has written to me.
but I have become a very bad
correspondent

May God Bless you
My dearly beloved Brother ever
your affectionate Bly.