

July 24<sup>th</sup> 1862

I write these few lines to inform you that I am  
enjoying good health and I hope you and the children  
are all well thanks be to God for all his kindness  
I heard a letter read that come from Joe Rice  
stating that the scarlet fever <sup>and is</sup> was very bad in  
Pittsburg his children has been all sick and  
he buried a little boy called him Newton  
about three years ago. I hope it is healthy  
in mercer you better stay till the month of  
August is near over if Rachel is willing for  
you to stay it will be better for you and the  
children but please your self and not mind  
the great Western is going to start next fall  
So I hear in this camp and all other works about Pittsburg  
I want you to let me know if you got a letter with the  
receipt of the money that was entered at Fortress Monroe  
at Adams express that is when you can have time  
to write I send you a letter last week with a locket  
in for little Ellie if I can have the chain

I will send by one for the baby then you will have  
one apiece I have no particulars to send to you  
we are staying in the same camp since the  
thirtieth of July and likely to make over Summers  
quarters hear the Rebels are a good piece of but  
still there are no dependance on the treacherous  
Devils they may make an attack on our  
camp before morning but over men and arms  
are all ways read at a minutes warning