

Harrison's Landing Va

July the 27th 1862

After my love and Respects to
you all I seat myself to answer
your letter Dated July 22nd which
came to hand yesterday evening
it found me enjoying good health
I Hope that this letter will find
you all in good health and good
Spirits I was verry glad to hear
from you for it had been along
time since I heard from home
and I was uneasy for I thought
there was something up but when
I got the letter I found that ^{all} was
rite you need not be uneasy
thinking that I am Discouraged
for I halve the first time to get
Discouraged yet I just spoke
that I was afraid the Leading
men or some of them was
medling to much with slavery.

Which I sincerely believe they are
and you know that we came out
to fight for the union not to free
the negroes I want them free but
not amongstest and I hope that
the Slavery question will not come
before us we get news here every ^{Day}
Such as the Baltimore Sun and New York
Herald we are getting along fine here
now every thing has been quiet here
since the 4th of this month but the
Rebels are only 8.. miles from our
lines there has not been any advance
by either party. ~~to~~ from the 4 until
now it is likely that we will
Remain here for some time we
have a very fine encampment
and tolerable good water for this
country and we get plenty to eat
Such as crackers pork Bacon corn
meal vinegar sometimes molasses Beans
potatoes tomatoes.. P.. C.. E.. L.. Weston
got sick at front Royal and
went to Washington city.

We got letter from one of our
boys that is at Washington
in the Hospital and he says that
his health is very low with the fever
hardly expected to live if he gets
well he will get Discharged from
Service there is only 3 married
belonging to our company and
that is our captain John Greath
and John Metheny they have all
got Discharged I have seen
John Metheny for a month or so
I guess he is at Alexandria yet
Pioneering our chaplain Preaches
to us every often lately he often
comes to the captains tent and
holds pray meetings He labors
hard to keep the boys from playing
cards and swearing and gambling
but after all there is some that
will engage in it but I can
have it to say that I have the
first game of cards to play yet

And I intend to Helo it to
Say so long as I live
in stead of plying cards I
take my Testament and Reader
it there is hardly one Day goes
but what I Read & chepter
in my Testament
..... Turn to another
Sheet

little Missy No good Bye
till I come home