

Evening" & I will try and finish this  
uninteresting letter. Some how or other  
I cant think of any thing that I  
to night that I want to if I could  
see you I could tell you a great  
deal better than I can write it  
But there is no use of talking I cant  
see you until this crisis near is over  
then if nothing happens we shall have  
a chance to talk all our lives (if there  
is no serious opposition). What Spl  
ended success our Army has had for  
the past 2 or 3 weeks it makes me feel  
as though I could hardly write to  
be sent to the Regt. I want to get  
there so bad. I havnt heard from  
them since I first came here I dont  
know But half of them are killed  
Nor I havnt heard from the 154<sup>th</sup> in a  
long time there is one man here  
from that Regiment his name is  
"Woshburn" from "Hinsdale" he doesnt  
heard from them since the Battle of  
Gettysburg. I dont know how long  
we shall stay here by all appearances  
now we shall stay here a good  
while. But we dont know for sure  
how soon we shall leave I would  
like to go to night if I could go  
to the Regt.

Fort Gathin Allen

Washington D. C. July 26<sup>th</sup> /63

Dear Dear Sarah

I received your letter  
a week or so yesterday But have not had  
a sufficient opportunity to answer it  
until now. my duties for the past  
week have been more than common  
so that it has not given me much  
time to write. But I shall have a  
rest now for a while. we have  
been at work on the fort most  
every day last week. & last night  
I was sent out a boat 9 miles in  
the direction of Falls Church with  
a squad of 8 men to look for some  
suspicious that was lurking around there  
But they did not happen to cross our

path But our Conely brought in 4  
of them this afters noon they will  
very likely be sent to Washington  
to night. Sat. I was very very glad  
indeed to get your letter it had ~~been~~  
been so long since I had heard from  
you & it seemed a great deal longer  
to me than it really was, I suppose  
too really I had not heard that Eli &  
Hera was married. Shintum must  
be wonderfully changed since last winter  
It must seem so odd to you to go  
up to your Uncle the now since he  
is married & taken his wife home  
I know it must seem so odd that no  
wonder you have to laugh when you  
go there. But then I suppose it is all  
over he is a least old enough to  
begin to think about commencing  
in life. I expect Clark & George  
are having gay old times now  
since they have served out their  
term of enlistment & got home

all safe. I suppose the girls are all fighting  
to see ~~which~~ which are to have the  
first choice in the two Souldiers  
Then Clark had some inclinations  
of being mad because you preferd  
walking with Joe. "O pity about him"  
Sat. I never thought you & Joe would  
become Friends I know he perfectly  
hated you, & all ways laughing at  
me a least you, & trying to plague  
me a least you. But if you have  
Purged the Yamahawk & resolved to  
be friendly I suppose it is all forgo-  
tten. "Sack" it is awful hard work  
for me to write to day I am all  
most a sleep now I didnt sleep a  
wink last night. So I will lay  
this one side & write untill I can  
keep a racket & then I will finish it  
Deus. Sadie I wish I could see you  
to night & find out what you  
want to tell me. I have got ~~lots~~ <sup>lots</sup>  
lots to tell you if I can see you  
you & gain, & I wish I could see you <sup>now</sup>