

Washington, D.C.
July 22, 1864

Dear Mother

Having a few moments to my self I thought I would write you a few lines to let you know I am as well as usual we were paid yesterday afternoon two months pay \$32.00 I guessed it when I tole you I thought we would get 16 dollars a month the weather is fine here only to dry night before last we had a little rain for about 20 minutes than it clearef off it looks like rain but does not come Frank True started for home yesterday afternoon on a 10 day furlough yesterday I seen the list of the drafted in Meadville I took notice to one that was drafted once before he must think he is a veteran now or some thing simpler I guess he thinks his name is on the toll of honor you of corse know who I mean W.S.C. there has been a great many burries this yr. and would of been bushels if the weather had been wet but the huckelburries fairly dried up on the bushes I was over to the fort after them and I never seen so many as there was there but they were most all of them dried on the bushes we filled our tins a left for home this was before I went on that raid I was over the battle field Tuesday but didnt see anything worth while I seen two rebels graves I did not go all over it there was 14 in one place burried that I did not see I was so hot we didnt care about going to far the fence on 7 street riddled with bullets I seen where one of the rebels sharpshooters was under a bush 3/4 of a mile from the fort he had a dirt file throughed up he was in a nice place where he had a full view of two of the guns of the Fort between Ft. Stevans and Slockum there was a Peach and Apple orchard cut down by our men to keep the Reb. from being on there the trees were loaded with Apples the war news is good the raiders getting the devil all the boys are well at present John Hamah was here Tuesday his time will be out in October give my love to Grand Mother and the rest of our folks write soon as you can from Willard A. Cutter.