

Washington D.C. July 22nd/64

Dear Mother

Having a few moments to
my self I thought I would write
you a few lines to let you know
I am well as usual we were paid
Yesterday Afternoon, two months pay
\$32.00 I guessed it when I told you
I thought we would get 16 dollars
a month the weather is fine here
only to day night before last we
had a little rain for about 20 minutes
then it cleared off it looks like
earn 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~~ some
thing simpler I guess he thinks
his name is on the roll of honor
You of course know who I mean W.L.C
There has been a great many
Barries this yr and would of
been Bushels if the weather had
been wet but the buckelbarries 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 didn't see any thing worth
while I seen two Rebels graves I did
not go all over it there was 14 in
one place buried that I did not
see I was so hot we didn't 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 $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from the fort
he had a dirt pile throughed up
he was in a nice place where he had
a full view of two of the guns of the
Fort, Between ^{Fort} Stevens & ~~St~~ Kam there
was a Peach & Apple orchard cut
down by our men to keep the Rebs
from being in there the trees were
loaded with Apples the war news
is good the riders getting the
Devil. all the boys are well at present
John Hannah 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
Thom Willard. A. Cutler