

Fort Edw. Allen^{Mo.} July 4th 1863

Dear Sarah

I was wondering a little while ago if Sat.
would like to know how old was spending the Fourth
I will tell you it is all quiet here on the Patuxent. there
is a least 500 of us Hospital Soldiers here guarding
the Bridge and doing Patrol duty along the Fortifications
But I am having it very easy as they have not called
on me to do any duty yet. so I have got out upon
the hill back of the Fort this afternoon and trying
to write you a letter But it is more of a scribble
than a letter you will have to read all the mistakes and
allow some for my poor Scholarship What you?
This is a Lonesome Fourth there is nothing going on here still
to day I don't know But the Boys will have a Dance to
night up on the parade ground there is two or three
fiddlers here and a "Dorkie" that plays the Bongo
I would like to be with the Regiment now they are
having good times now they have been detached from
the Corps as provost guard they don't have to fight any

While they are doing that unless attacked But I shall have to
be satisfied when I am untill they will let me go to the
Regiment. and then I would be half as glad to go to
the Regt as I would be to go to Shiloh town I think
I would be just as happy as a Clam if I knew that
But all we can do in such circumstances as this is to wait
with Patience untill the time comes although it may seem
a long time to wait One year & a half yet must pass
before we can see each other But I hope when we do meet
that pleasure will not be forgotten which on my part
I am confident shall not be Oh I am sure I do want to
get a letter from you so bad it has been more than a month
now since I got a letter from you But it has not been your
fault it makes it very disagreeable about getting letters since
I have been wandering around from one place to another
so much and not knowing how long I shall stay in any
place I think I shall stay here perhaps two or three weeks
and may be longer But I cant tell for certain. Please write
Ladies as soon as you get this write your & I shall be
very happy when we it will be ~~excuse~~ ^{excuse} cannot
^{for you} and if I am not asking too much of you to receive
that likeness you send I should be about the pleasure
of possessing Well Ladies I hope you & all the folks
in Shiloh town are enjoying yours selves finely to day
I wish I was there if you have any fire crackers "Ladies"
shoot one for me will you I want to get one
if Uncle Sam had been kind enough to have paid me
some of the Green Backs he owes me I think I should

have tried to get over to Washington to day and
had a good time. But I guess he thinks I don't deserve
any of his Train Backs. Well if he don't pay me any I don't
spend any so I shall have more when I come home.
Well I tell it looks as though it were a going to rain.
I guess I will do this up and go down to my ^{but} ~~but~~
give my love to mother with a hearty. But keep a ~~superint~~
quantity for Sallis. Truly yours "Addie"

I will send you a War Rose Bud Sadie

Camp Detritation
Near Alexandria
Va.

P.S.

They just sent our letters up here from the
Camp so I will get them all just as well as I
should if they was sent here to the Post

Good Night Dear

Addie

