Camp the 46 Marieta Gea June 24th 09
Dear wife & children it is with the gratest I
embrace the present opportunity of anseen
you kind & acceptable letter dated the 10 of this
inst witch give me grate plesure to hear fr
~~om you thes~~ few lines will inform you
that my health are improveing my bowels
seems to bee a bout well but I am very
weake yet I am still in the field horse
fittle I think I will go to the redgments
in a day or so & I don't mutch cear how
soon for this is one of the lonesum plases
I ever saw in my life Sarah I am very soon
y to hear that you wore left by your self
a a gon it looks like it is a bad for you
to get a long by your self if you like
her you had better try to keep her Sarah
I glory in your spunk a bout keeping your
corn you done jest rite & whot ever other
woman ought to do that is in you condision
dy by whot you have got or hold it one
we are fighting for our rits & if they

try to take your rits at home I say, fight
for it if you cant keep it with out it you
are striving to make something while others
are doing nothing depending on your labor
but that is the way we get our rits we
have had a grate deal of rain for the last
month but it has ford off & I hope we
will have some settle weather know for
it is bad enough on us when the weather
is good our devision was in a hevy fight
on the 22 we lost a good meny men &
had a meny one wounds we los but afew
out of our redgment but a rite smarte
wouned we got but one man hurt in our
co & that was J Y Hetterbran he was
wounded in the arme but his arme will
bee good a gen if no bad luck attends it
Sarah you seem to bee aneious to have names
for your boys I would like for thare
names to rime you say you wont to name
one Walker I think if you name one wal
ker you must name the othere one

Walton but I had rather you would
name them to your self I think the names
we have spoken of will suite verry
well I dont wont them to have any dou
bble name but as I have a brave stat
~~e I would like for there names to rime~~
tell your folks & mine not to think
hard of me for not writing for I have
no way of carring my paper & ink
onley in my pocket it gets wet &
spoil in my napsack write how Mali
day & the rest of them are getting a lo
ng & tell them all to write to me
Sarah we havent got our box yet
& if we had it I dont have any
idy it would do us any good this si
de of next winte I hope we will bee
at home by that time if we are
spared to live I think it would be
as good luck as any to sell them
or get them back one I dont wont
to loos them if it can bee hope

we get a plenty to eate know cor
ne brede & bacon I will bring my
letter to a close write soon &
often I am as ever your hus untele
death J M Pierson