In Front of Petersburg, Va
July 21st 1864

Dear Father,

I read your kind letter of the 10th and was happy to hear from you and to hear that you are all well.

My health never was better in the world. May it be now. I suppose that you would like to know what we are about. Well we are building forts and roads the Rebels go to bed at night to get up in the morning to see the Yankees right under their nose till we get up and put our eyes and look wild and I think that they look about the same before long.

I suppose that the people think Gen. Grant and Thaddeus, slow but let them come and see what men has done since they crossed the river. Father we live in the Room proves how the rebels throw some shells over at us but that hasn't got very good range yet and I don't want that they should have
Hunt now picket firing in front of.

Did the rebels come in every night.

There was fire came in last night they say that are diary of the war. Further I see by the papers that the President has called for 5,000 more men. Further, that they will take every able-bodied man from the age of 18 to 45 and let them and fight for their country.

Further, you think that I am getting as the war but I have bin very sorry that I enlisted, but I want to see some of the Copperheads have to come out and fight for the Union. Further, we wholesale to eat and that was good to. I have bin very hot dry hear this summer to last night we had fine shower and hope that we shall have more of it.

Further Deland Russell was shot last week by a sharp little lighter and was killed dead. The Thursday, two kids from hear of I tell Atia to be good girl and tell Column to be a good boy and learn trade and stay at home with Further 8 months.