

December 1st 1862

My Dear beloved wife it is
with pleasure that I take my
pen in hand to let you know
I got a long from marietta we
got started from camp and some
of the litle boys was in the
camp and got to burning some
straw that was in the bunk
and set some of compresy aches
shantys on fire and there was
three compresy sent back to
help take down the camp
or a nuff of it to stop the
fire and then we came to the
river and got on the boat
call I Betta on saturday
and got to cin cin mati on
sunday after dark I did not
tell you how I was I am
well and harty I sent you
my pictur and a letter to
mount pleasant you need

rite till you get a
nother letter from me
for I dont no where
we will go but they are
faring up now

So fare well
at present

andrew J. Dickel

to his wife