Harrison's Landing, July 25/62
Dear Sister:-
Your letter came to hand yesterday, and I take the present opportunity of answering it this morning. I was very happy to hear that you were all well, as this leaves me enjoying very good health at present. I must be brief with this letter as there is nothing of any importance whatever going on in the [underline]"Army of the Potomac" [end underline] at present, in fact everything is still and quite, not even the sound of a Rebel gun do we hear any more, as we used to at "Fair Oaks," but quiet everything seems to be, but how long it may be so we cannot tell, but we do not fear anything from the enemy as they do not care about attacking us at this point, and I believe they have fell back several miles.
In fact I do not see this war any nearer to an end than it was six months ago, then we had some hopes but now we are waiting with anxious hearts for the final result, how long before the long looked day will arrive none of us can tell, but we will be glad when it does come, for this is a very hard life to live at all times. but we are in hopes - that it will soon be at an end. I dont think there will be much fighting going on until the weather gets cooler, for it is very warm just now, down here, but it will be still warmer next month, but I am in hopes the cool weather will soon be here for the men will be in good health then to what they are now, for nearly all the men in the whole Brigade are more or less sick, but the cool weather will help them considerably.
Well I think I have told you about all the news there is going on in this Country, please talk to Alfred like a [underline] dutch Uncle [end underline] for not writing to me, and if you please send me a few postage stamps when you write again for we can not get them at any price down here, and tell Alfred that I will put my foot in the seat of his pantaloons when I come home. Give my best respects to all, I remain
Ever truly Yours,
Davis n. Lilley
[underline] (Please write soon) [end underline]