Camp du Pont Sept 13/62

My Dearest Lou

I have waited for several days, thinking that you would write me, but concluding that you didn't know where I was. I have seated myself to write again. We are still in Camp at Brandywine, and I think we will remain for at least ten days yet.

Since I wrote you I have been on duty all the time except a day down to Dover when I tried to get down in Maryland but they sent a dispatch for me to return immediately. I am becoming somewhat of a Soldier + if you were to drive up sometime
when I was on duty you would hardly recognize the youth who only a few years ago made his appearance in your midst. But I will not revert to those happy days. I will only say that [underline] then [end underline] our country was at peace. We [underline] then [end underline] had leisure moments to devote to the pleasures of the social circle. But alas how different is now the fact. The vile and arch traitor [underline] Jackson [end underline] is already in your [underline] own [end underline] state and pressing [inserted text] fast [end inserted text] towards the very heart of the Loyal states. Then what is my duty and the duty of every American citizen? It is to [underline] fight [end underline] yes [underline] "Strike till the last [end underline] armed foe expires" And Lou
I had as leave, yes rather fight [underline] the fiends [end underline] on the soil of Maryland than any other spot if they have the temerity (as they have), to come there.

You perhaps are alarmed at the Rebels being in possession of a part of Maryland, let me say to you you need not be alarmed but learn to submit calmly [inserted text] to [end inserted text] the fate of that country which God has acknowledged in the past + have confidence in [underline] that Army [end underline] which I doubt not is under the guidance of the [underline] "God of Battles." I do not [end underline] feel discouraged at our recent defeats but on the contrary I think that we will not only send the Rebel hordes howling back to their dens but when there we will teach them that they yet own their
alligiance to the U. States governemnt. But before this is accomplished we will all of us realize more fully the enormity of this nefarious Rebellion. I fear this letter will prove uninteresting to you. I hope you will pardon the writing and the sentiment as I am not yet fully fixed up + therefor I have to write where I can and when I [inserted text] can [end inserted text] snatch an opportunity. I begin to think I will get down to see you yet before we leave. If I do it will only be for a short time. therefore I will not anticipate. I hope you will answer this little note as I am anxious very anxious to hear from you + I think you own me a letter of about 7 pages. you will please address Capt. T M. Reynolds 4th Regt. Del. Vols. Camp du Pont Wilmington [underline] Del [end underline] I remain as every yours till death T M Reynolds Lou J Seward