

Yours affectionate

Fort Delaware

Aug 21st/64

Dear Sister,

I rec'd your letter dated the 17th July a day or so ago & would have answered immediately but as there was a prospect of going south myself I postponed it until it was decided who should go & as I am not among the fortunate ones I will now write.

I am greatly relieved at hearing of the welfare of you all, I feared it might be otherwise.

Since my last letter Cousin Billy has been to see me, he was very kind & is everything that we could wish. Sends his love to you all. Ellie is well but still is not in good health, has had quite a severe spell of sickness (Typhoid fever) his life was for several days despaired of, but he has gotten a great deal better. I have been very well & am as comfortable as circumstances will permit. I requested Lieut Doyle, who left here with the home-ward-bound prisoners, to write to you all. He was in my mess whilst here.

Lt Doyle is quite well. If you have an opportunity let Mrs Hollins know that her son who was a member of our co is here & well.

Give my love to all friends. Hoping to be able soon to see you all again I am—
Love to Mother & Mary — Yours B W

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