

Dear Willam
I receive you a letter, which
I have no doubt contains much
love and success.

Monday morning Nov 1861

Ed writes me you are
got home safe, but the particulars
he leaves for you to tell.

We are having Brigade
drill in the forenoon and Division
drill in the afternoon under Gen Smith
who has recovered his health and resumed
his command.

Picket duty is now done
for the whole Division from one Brigade
Each day changing the brigade. - The
rifle are allowed fire. Outposts change
once in four hours.

The prospect is that we shall
be detached from the brigade to
go south. The other regiments are so
sick they are good for nothing. The
five regiments have over a thousand
on the sick list. of which only about
Sixty are in the 2^d - in the 4th and 5th
they camp two a day, on an average.

Though a letter thing turned up yesterday
which may cause the disease with us.
viz a cure of small pox. - They sent the
man off in a hurry, and don't know how