

ON board Steamer "Daniel Webster"
on the way to Baltimore

July 9th 1864

My Darling wife

You probably will
be about as much astonished to
see where this letter is dated, as
we were yesterday morning - about
three o'clock in the morning we
received orders to be ready to
march at once to "City Point"
then take steamer to Baltimore
and I expect from there I will
be sent to "Harpers Ferry" to look
after Gnd. Ewell. If ever you
saw a pleased set of boys I
was us to get out of the army
of the Potomac once more, for
whatever we may find at Harpers Ferry
we are satisfied it cannot be any
worse than what we have been
through and probably should have to