

Fredrick Junction July 4th 1863

My dear wife,

I have just rec^d your
letters accompanying the picture. Happy
to learn that you are well.

Can write much only to say that we
march again in a few minutes and
don't know when we shall have a
chance to write again - Thank God I
am well and all it is for me too.

I am acting surgeon of the Reg^t and
Medical Director of the Brigade and you
may be assured that that the task is
not a light one -

Good by, God bless you all - Love to our
dear children - and my ever lasting love
to your dear self

J. C. Rutherford