

Cust.  
Camp near Fairfax

July 9<sup>th</sup> 1862  
My Darling Wife -

I returned  
from Centreville Wednesday  
was gone a week. Had a  
fine time. Weather was  
pleasant. and the evening  
were playing rounds just  
was enough for excitement  
& keeps wide awake.

My health was good & is  
now. Another brigade  
has gone in there so we  
shall not have any more  
picketing to do then at  
present. We have brigade  
drills now. My Regt is  
quite healthy generally -  
We have lost 7 men -  
The 15<sup>th</sup> have lost over