

July 24th 1862

I write these few lines to inform you that I am
enjoying good health and I hope you and the children
are all well thanks be to God for all his kindness
I heard a letter read that came from Poe River
stating that the scarlet fever ^{and is} was very bad in
Pittsburg his children has been all sick and
he buried a little boy called him Newton
about three years old. If it is healthy
in mercer you better stay till the month of
August is near over if Rachel is willing for
you to stay it will be better for you and the
children but please your self and not me
the great Western is going to start next fall
So I hear in this camp and all other works about Pittsburg
I want you to let me know if you got a letter with the
receipt of the money that was entered at Fort Tresp Monroe
at Adams express that is when you can have time
to write I send you a letter last week with a locket
in for little Elsie if I can have the chain

I will send by one for the baby then you will have
one apiece I have no particulars to send to you
we are staying in the same camp since the
thirst of July and likely to make over Summers
quarters hear the Rebels are a good piece off but
still there are no dependance on the treacherous
Devils they wait make an attack on our
camp before morning but over men and arms
are all ways read at a minutes warning

David & and John & Jones send fifty five dollars
home and David & Scrim's brother John the whole
three send their money to David Davis to send
to David's mother and B Davis got drunk and lost
the money but i don't want you to mention it
at Kittinging but he got money in some where dont know
if he payd all or not i have very easy times hear
at present love to Rachel and the family
and to you my dear Wife and Ellie and Ciss the
baby for me and Ellie two do no more at present
I am your affectionate husband
Thomas Homer

Please to write when you can have leisure time
I have plenty of writing paper and invals but
have nothing need to write i send a letter to D Davis
Preacher at the great Western last week
i send you a piece of a news paper with the map
of over fighting Ground take care of it i will
fix it when i will come ^{home} if i live to come
home Oyes i almost forgot i had a first rate
pair of shoes last monday at i am going to have
pants and all other clothes soon i expect
to get over pay this week the pay role is come
back from washington hear and they are all write
so the report is i dont know wheather it true
or not July 25 i receive your letter this morning
i was glad to hear that you and the children
are well i would like to see my little Blue
Eye baby but i must wait and paraps never
but there is hopes from the war but none
from the grave i have got 10 postage stamps