

of numerous villages & county residences parks &c  
I have not had an opportunity to visit as  
many of the places of interest as I would wish  
as I have been upon special duty all the time I have  
been here.

We had our hospital pretty much empty  
last evening but it is full again to night. Nearly  
one half of the men of this Regt. are absent on furlough  
I want to get my discharge as I cannot see any possibili-  
ty of my getting any position at all. If I cannot  
get it I will get a furlough & come to Ohio in the  
course of two or three weeks. Col Jones still is making  
promises to do something & thinks that he will get me  
appointed as Assistant Surgeon. but I have no  
faith in it. We say at any rate I never shall  
go into the ranks. I think I will send you  
my Photograph this week. (drop that of a private) If  
I had a picture of you & Ada here I would  
get them photographed as I can get them large  
sized with gilt frame Oval for 85¢ a piece  
They charge 50¢ for the 1st & 35 cents for my copy after  
& three shillings for the frames & glass which is very  
cheap. C.D. Webster is just as bad off as I am and  
not half as likely to get a discharge as I am he thinks  
that he is fit for \$13 per month. the Col has promised  
him Sergeant Major. he has also promised one or two

more the same position. I wish I could see  
you to night I could tell you more & better about  
the state of things than I can write them. I sent you  
last week five dollars in money & Ada a little Book  
If I do not come to Ohio within three weeks I will  
send you 10 or 15 dollars more.

I miss the Baths here that we could get at the  
Asylum at Durrisburgh. Webster and I however  
went out to day and got a good bath for 75 cents  
I think I will invest a shilling once a week very  
profitably in that way saying nothing about the  
comfort to be derived from a good warm bath.

If I only was able I would have you here in less  
than a week I would so like to show you this city

We are laying here in camp doing nothing. I have not  
seen a single man drilling since we left camp  
Curtis I believe this whole Regt. to be a force & a cheat  
that it is not the intention of the officers to ever  
leave Phila unless forced to do so. We are not full  
as yet and I do not believe that we ever will be  
I think that we could have filled up the 114<sup>th</sup> Regt  
just as quick as the 58<sup>th</sup> Regt was full up now that  
we have consolidated all I can say is I wish  
that I was at Home I would not care what became  
of this Regt as I have no sympathy for the 58<sup>th</sup> but would  
have done all in my power for the 114<sup>th</sup>