

to the 58 Pennsylvania or I will be very likely not to get them  
direct as the reading of this letter reads, and they will come direct  
to me.

Friday Morning March 14<sup>th</sup> 1862

Three rebel Boats have  
been in sight this morning but they keep out of  
reach of our guns. They are evidently making prepa-  
-rations for an attack. I think we will be ready for them  
let them come as soon as they are a mind to

This is a warm foggy day seems like a warm June  
day. I have been busy fixing things around  
the Hospital tent to make it convenient & comfortable  
all the morning. I have not been into the fort  
yet but intend to pay it a visit as soon as  
I get a little leisure

Now to Ada I want to say be a good girl until  
I come home. I saw some little negro girls and boys  
the other day they are slaves their master owns them  
just as we own our horses. your pa is a great many  
miles from you as many as 8 or 9 hundred and you  
must write me another letter I think every thing  
of the one you wrote me be a good girl and I will  
come home and see you before long

I must close for it is time for the mail to be  
collected

Yours in affection  
W. Newton

Mrs. A. M. M.