

Washington City June 2 (1865)

(J. C. Esarey to Barbara Esarey)

Dear Barbara: Having an opportunity to send you a few lines in S. S's letter I will do so though I hardly know how to commence for I have not received a letter from you for near a month. This line leaves me in only tolerable health as a chill is not 6 inches away at present. I had a chill three days ago which was very disagreeable to my taste. Hoping this will find you & babe well & in good hearty. I have received several letters lately, one from Lieut. Carr yesterday, which was only 6 days coming. The most of the letters seem to think we will be at home soon, but I can't see the hole yet where we are going out at, although our papers have been made out; discharges filled out; and we were mustered out of the U. S. Service the 31 of May; but we cannot get any transportation to Indianapolis, and I don't know when we will get away, but I am taking it easy. I don't know whether I will get home against the 4th or not. You need not look for me until you see me coming. I would be very glad to get home in time for harvest. Do the best you can with the crop and that is all that is required. So I will close at present. Your husband J. C. Esarey. You need not write to me till I write again. You will please hand this to Barbara.