

Hattillo July 11th 1862

Mr. N. Wilkinson. Dear Brother

I sat myself
this morning for the purpose of
answering your kind favors which
came to hand in due time, but
the keep us moving about so much
that I hardly have time to write
at all. I have two letters unanswered
from you. June 14 & 24th. My health
is as good as could be expected after
eating so much bull beef. I think
from the way they feed us provision
is getting very scarce in the confeder^{acy}.
They put our Brigade through a ten
days march since we left Tupelo
we went out to Ripley fifty miles
north west of Tupelo, to meet the
Yanks but they skeddaddled before
we got there, and our cavalry
picked up three of the blue belts
that stopped to pick black berries.
They were big stout-looking men

Tom Thost has been up here to see Willis Calcoat and left this morning. I did not get to see him. Ferd got back to the Regiment yesterday and only brought me two letters. I was sadly disappointed for I was expecting to get letters from all hands when he come, Martha & Mollie Butters sent them two. The weather has been dry up here until yesterday we had a right rain and I think we will get another good shower this evening as it is very cloudy and ~~it~~ thundering pretty heavy. We have pretty good news from Virginia & Richsburg. They sunk the Brooklyn of 32 guns, and made the Yankees ~~sheedaddle~~. They took 6000 prisoners in Virginia and drove them back to the mouth of the James River.

Caggs I have been detached to a battallion of Sharpshooters, they ~~are~~ are the roughest set of men I ever saw. I tell you they will make the yanks squats whenever they get a chance, about half of them had as leave be dead as a live. Wash Kelly belongs to the same Company that I do, he goes by the name of Tom, I have not made myself known to him yet. We have befriended Officers. I got pack Duff to agree to take my place, but the Major of the battallion would not let us exchange. If I can keep my health and the yanks don't get me I think I can make it pretty well. I have got in the notion of waiting until the war is over before I come home as I cant get off no other way.

I will put a tract in this letter
for you to read and then give
to Pappa, they distributed all thro^{ugh}
our army. I would not be sur-
prised before you read they scrib-
ble if were all on our way to
Chattanooga in East Tennessee
& the Yankees have about fifty
thousand men in that section
as I have no news I will quit
for the present. Tell Jane I have
just sent a letter to the office for
her. Give my love to all the connec-
tion and accept a Brothers love
for yourself & Family. Joe Seal
& the Nursery Boys send their
respects to you and Family, write
as often as convenient & tell John
to write, I was sorry to hear of Billy
Hardys bad luck.

I still remain your affectionate Brother
Frank

Abbeville Missⁿ Aug^r 2^d 1862.

Mr Micajah Wilkinson Jr

My Dear Bro, I have just rec^d and read your favor of yesterday & was very glad to hear that you were well, and that you had a healthy locality for your camp with good water.

But I am sorry to inform you that I am not well. I was taken on the 21st of July with Diarrhea & flux & have been pretty bad off ever since, passing off more or less blood every day. I am just able to walk about & wait on myself, have lost 10 lbs in weight since I came to camp, but I think that I am a little on the mend, but it will take me some time to get well eating such diet as we get, flour, bacon, fresh beef & peas &c. we have been getting some corn meal.

As to war news, I have nothing of interest, last week our Coⁿ went up to Holly Spring to guard some waggons, which were after flour and bacon. They had quite a fine trip, got as many fine apples as they wanted & said that the people up there were glad to see Confederate troops. We are in camp with a Reg^t of Saⁿ troops, they went up last week as high Sagrauge Gen^l & returned & report the Yanks gone. None I should say? Bartⁿ Ferguson (son of D. F.) accidentally shot Sebe, Westbrook, to this week, the ball passed through a pr of drawers & out the Carpet sack (the pistol being in the Carpet S^k) & then through Westbrook's leg just above his knee cap, it is only a flesh wound.

We are in camp on a high ridge tolerably well supplied with large red oak Post oak & Blackjack. It is about 500 yds to the Spring which is as fine water as any & if all our troops were here I believe it would furnish the all water. 2 or 5 waggon loads of green corn were sold in our Reg^t one day this week, some are buying apples at 4¢ pr doz & little water melons are going from 4 to 8 bits each.

Capt Jackson says for you to send Kittlands Sack by Express, if you pay the expense take a receipt, he wishes them sent soon as ^{we} may leave here soon. I am making an effort to exchange places with George Lee of Capt John Can if we get it through we will get off in 2 or 3 weeks. John Hunt & Ol Hurst are trying to get it through for us. Tom Barrett

Mrs. Mary C. Wilkinson Camp Milldale March 20th 1862

Liberty Miss / My Dear & affectionate wife, I seat myself
to inform you that I am in tolerable good health at this time
& I am in hopes that these few lines may find you & our boys
& connection all in the best off health & spirits. I had a
chill last Sunday that lasted two hours & had the fever that
day, but I have not bin sick since. John was moved in 5
miles off my camp, I went to see him last Saturday & stayed
all day with him, yesterday morning his reg: was ordered to go
to the boat landing up on the Yazoo river about 4 miles above
here, the news come into our camp & I went out & met John & staid
with him until he went on the boat that was to carry them
up the Yazoo river, when they were a going they did not no
I. John said for you to tell Phila to keep in good cheer & he
would write as soon as he could, he had to leave his napsack
with the wagons, John & Hatcholor & Silas Thompson are
well & hearty, Silas told me to write home that they were gone
a driving, the boys were all in fine spirits & health, the 22 reg:
went with the 33^d & there boys were all well except Wm Griffin
he was sent to the hospital yesterday morning, John Bonds & John
Montgomery, look well & hearty. I have started 4 letters to you & there
will be 5 & have not received any answer yet, I am in hopes that
you have received some of them before now. I received your
kind favor on the 18th by the Politeness of Lieut Faust I was
glad to hear from you that was the 2nd time since I left you
I was surprisid to receive such a petition from such a source
& I fell under all obligations to the ~~44th~~ petitioners whether I am
benefited or not, Capt Gray is to start to Jackson next Monday

after our money, & ^{he} says he will approve off my
petition & carry it & do the best for me that he can
Gray is acting as' ecl. of the reg: at this time & he
says for bill Jones to approve of my petition as
capt & he will as commander of the post & then he
will present it to Pettis for me, **but you must
not look for me utif you see me a coming.** you
must kiss all of the petitioners for me, I was glad to hear
that grass was a growing some **but I am sorry to hear that
our cow died.** I sen Rowell Willard to day he looks
well & larty he was a passing the road & I accidentally
met with him. I will send this letter to summit to be ~~mail~~
mailed hoping that you may get it soon. I was glad to
hear that you was a geting a long so well a plowing. Well
Dear Mary, I have just received your kind favor off date 19th I was
glad to hear that you was a geting a long so well & to hear that you
had so much corn planted & I am in hope that you may con-
-tinue to do well, you need not send me any more
paper or envelops or stamps intill I write for them.
I will answer your letters before long & tell you
more a bout it, Our reg: is in a bad condition. Give my
best compliments to all off our connection & friends & re-
-serve a double portion for your Dear self & our boys
So remains your affectionate husband Micajah Wilkinon.

Camp Bragg Jan'y 24th 1862

Mr. Margaret Wilkinson
Dear Brother

I take up my pen
for the purpose of answering your kind favor of
of the 12th & 10th which I received on the 21st inst. It
is the first letter that I have got by mail since you
went home. I had come to the conclusion that you
all didn't intend to write any more letters. I have seen
four or five by sight. I don't know whether you
has got them or not. I want you all in answering
my letters to state by what conveyance and when
received &c. I have no news to write, but I suppose you
are like I am. I am glad to get a letter from home if it
merely states all well. I have understood that you all think
it is not worth while to mail letters, but I have wrote &
wrote that would come, some of the boys gets letters reg-
ular. I have thought that I would not write any, but
I can't help but write occasionally. I have not got a
word to say about you for you have answered all
of my letters. The health of the battallion is very
good at present only one or two of our Co's in the
hospital. I was very glad to hear of your planting
out. I hope it will be a good year. Your speaking
of your milk cows, makes my mouth water for some
milk and mush. We can get a tin cup of butter
milk for a dime and it is half water. These infer-
nal Spaniards down here are working every plan
they can think of to cheat the soldiers out of their
little eleven a month. I wish you would send
me a list of my taxes. John Thompson returned
last night I was crest fallen when I found he

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he had no letters. We hear the Yankees down & occasionally hear them fire a salute of fourteen guns which makes the earth tremble beneath our feet. The Cavalry Co. from Kansas has been here for the last week. They are pretty well drilled but their horses can't stand the music. I had to stand guard on the 22nd and it rained all night and was very cold. I supposed it was sleeting in old Smith. I saw frost on the 24th of Dec and some this morning Jeff Butter Picket and the Minnery boys sends their respects to you & family, Jeff says he would be very glad to see you and family, go Seals is over at Shieldsboro so I don't get to see him often.

Yankees gone

Miss M^{rs} & seven sends their respects to you and family. Fred says that box cost him 24^{cts} that he brought us which I think was very extravagant. Young says he is very much obliged to you for carry that meat to Mary. Sardigs is worth eight dollars per lb here, only one man has any.

Give my best respects to all of the connection and inquiring friends and accept a double portion for yourself & Family.

Nothing more only I remain your Brother or
B. F. Wilkinson

Dear Brother & Sister I am & have left a few lines clearly and I will fill them up. I have not news more than what Frank has already told you I am in good health and am in hopes you are all enjoying the same blessing. I received that piece and Mary sent me. They are fine first rate. I get along very well, we get plenty to eat & eat plenty. We get nice beef, and part corn meat, some coffee sugar, & this & plenty of flour. I reckon you all think we fare worse than we really do. I was glad to hear what you said about my boy. Accept my best wishes for yourself and family, with very cordial regards to your mother. Jeff

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yell
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Camp Boagg Jan 2nd 1862

Kit Henry H. Wilkinson
Dear Brother

I take up my pen on this great day for the purpose of answering ^{a kind favor} of the 21st which found us ^{all and enjoy}ing in our green wood, ^{le. I found} you to be very interesting. The ^{of taking sin}ner with you and game in my old homestead made me rather put on a ^{ce. but it only}fasted for a moment. I am getting resigned to camp life once more and can pass of the time very well with the merry groups that are always kicking up ^{for} in camp. I was on guard last night. it rained nearly all night and the wind blew awful hard. I tell you it stirred up "Picket's old Pond" for him the Hon. P. B. landed here last Saturday night safe and sound with six letters for me, which caused Saturday ^{night} and Sunday to pass off very merrily with me. I was very proud to learn that our oats would come up and that you were going to commence planting them. You need not be afraid of planting too much for me, as I think Allan & Martha can tend a big field in oats and my stock will be able to gather as much as they can cultivate

The Lincoln vessel came out between Gut Island
and the shore. The old man Rodat said he saw
their guns, with his spy glass. The light turned out
like all other jumpy lights. If they ever get the
(Palmicos) up in shooting distance they will have
to exert some of their Genoyism. I believe I have
written all the news so I will close, hoping these few
lines will find you and family enjoying good
Give my respects to all the connections and inquir^{ing}
friends. A. H. G. sends their respects to you and
family. E. G. Butler told me to give you and
family his respects. Excuse this, I had a terrible
and will try to do better the next time.

I remain, more or less, your Brother,
J. G. Searle

Wm. H. G. Searle
J. G. Searle

Mr. Mary, 6 Wilkinson
Liberty, Miss

Thomas, 2. Short eldest boy is dead

John is well to day

Camp Middlebrook March 17th 1861

My Dear & affectionate wife I eat myself to in form you
that I am in tolerable good health to day & I am in hopes that
this letter may find you & our dear boys & connections
all in & the best of health & spirits. I went to the corn
shucking last Friday & had some fever & dull aching in my
bones & I did not work much. I fear & my of all my legs
go on board of our steam boat & go up the upper river. That day
I saw more of that than I ever seen at our site before.
On the 14th I went to see my Brother John & stand all day with
him he is in 5 miles off us, I got in to his camp before he set back
about I eat trap out at home before I started, but for all that I
eat with him, his ones had boiled rice, fried ham & sausage
& pickled eggs they are alive just at the time. John is
in good health & all off his company. On Sunday the 15th I had
a bad shaking ague it lasted us one hour & three quarters, I drank
some warm water & threwed up site smart off. Ahleg me, at 12
o'clock I shand some coffee writed put to sleeping very fine
& continued until my fever left me, at night R. Parker
give me a dose of calomel & quinine to take yesterday & I have
not had any colicill nor fever since, I am in a high sweat at
this time, is now half after ten o'clock, this is the 4th letter I
have wrote to you since I left home & have not received one
yet. John got one last Saturday evening after I left him, from
home & he sent me word a Sunday that my Mary & boys were
all well when his letter was wrote but he did send to me
the date off his letter. All papers & Ben always went down this morn
ning & paper will tell me the date off his letter when he comes
back

John received a long & an interesting from Franklin dated the
19th of February Frank & was well & hearty when he wrote
John told me that Pila was very much out of heart when
she wrote to him last. He said she had been sick with her
head & had had a spell off the palpitation off ^{the} heart, & he sent
me word that she had had another spell since, & she was
very much out of heart off living to ever see him any
more, till Pila to try & keep in good spirits if she can, for
I am in hopes off better things, I am in hopes that the day will
come when we will all meet at home to stay & enjoy the society
off our families. I would be glad to know if you get my letter
or not, I know if you do, you ^{have} shew'd them to me, & if
you do not get them you are very uneasy about me. I will
start this letter with out putting the postage on it & let you
pay the postage if you get it, Dr. Watley Williams is dead, & so is
Parcal Seal's 5th wife she died in February, & a young woman
=an that lived with him died in a few hours off his wife, it is some-
thing strange that his wife die so fast. My mess is all well at this
time except my bud (Horseman) he is a complaining some
Uncle Stephen Jackson eat with our mess but does not
sleep with us, write soon & lett me hear the news in the
neighbor hood, I will write regular as long as I can get any thing to write
on, whether I get any answers or not, Jake Butler sends his respects to you
& the boys, two of our men run away last Saturday nite. Give my best love
to papa & mamma & aunt Lomon & all our Brothers & sisters & connective
& friends & except of my best love & wishes for your dear self & our
boys so remains your affectionate husband Micajah Wilkinson