Winchester, Va. Apr 10th, 1863

Dear Brother,

I do not feel much like writing but in my present situation I am willing to write whenever I can find an opportunity even if I do not feel ambition enough to move. I am well, yet but have not quite got over the fatigue of our march from Lepington for a distance of 24 miles which we performed between the hours of 9 A.M. and 7 P.M. of the 8th (day before yesterday). We are in hopes to remain.
in L- as we had a pleasant
camp ground (about one mile
from the City) and as there were
plenty of fence boards near at
hand we had our quarters piled
up in best shape we ever had
them. But our Brigade was ordered
then Col. Griffin of the 6th. M.H. Vol.
has command 'Gen. Magle;'
having Command of the Post.
We have done nothing but lay
under our tents since our arrival or
since we pitched them for
we are to tired to go anywhere
but throw ourselves upon the
Ground with the Canopy at Heavn
for our shelter, which happened

It was the hardest march we ever
made and the men were never
so used up, there was but 9 of Co D beside myself and the officers came in with the colors, the largest number of any Co in the 9th. The 2nd Bg only had 12 men. They were coming in all day yesterday our means all there now that started we left six in the hospital at Fredericksburg.

The reason so many falling out was on account of not being used to marching since we were at Fredericksburg fight together with their heavy loads and a hot sun and as dusty as you ever saw it in July.

The bottom of my foot are all blisters and I did not put on my boots all
yesterday. They tell us the season is very backward this spring yet the fud in the pastures is up green like June and today we are glad to get in the shade out of the heat of the sun. There is plenty of good water and in fact of everything much I think you would say that this country you can see if I could have a farm here I would quit jewelry business. They say the hills are about 20 miles from here under Sen. Humphry Marshall. We are within 7 miles of Boonsville where Daniel Bom first settled. But I must close for now I hope to hear from you soon and that you are all well Joseph to mother while at LeFevre. With yours and often. We have had but one mail I got a letter from Rye which was directed to the C. Hospital forwarded from there much love to all your friend brother & son

Charlton Wilson