

Headquarters, 9th Regt. U.S. Vol
Wenchester, Vt. Apr 10th 1863

Dear Brother

I do not feel much like writing but in my present vocation I am willing to write whenever I can find an opportunity even if I do not feel ambitious enough to move I am well; ~~yet~~ but have not quite got over the fatigue of our march from Lexington her a distant 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 were in hope to remain.

in L - as we had a pleasant
Camp Ground (about one mile
from the City) and as there were
plenty of ^{nice} fence boards near at
hand we had our quarters fixed
up in best shape we ever had
there. But our Brigade was ordered
here, Colo Griffin of the C. N. H. Vol.
has command; Gen Nagle;
having Command of the Post
We have done nothing but lay
under our tents since our arrival
or since we pitched them for
we were too tired to do anything
but throw ourselves upon the
Ground with the Canopy at Heaven
for our shelter; which happened
to be clear and ^{the weather} quite warm
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
Colours, the largest number of
any Co in the 9th the 2^d Md Regt
only had 12 men: they were
coming in all day yesterday
our men are all here now that
started we left six in the
Hospital at Deepington

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

The ~~bottom~~ bottoms of my
feet 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 feed in the
pastures is up green like June
and to day 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 every thing; much
unlike Va. And if you were here
I think you would say that this
was truly the most beautiful
Country you ever saw If I could
have a farm here I would quit
jewelry business They say the
Rubs are about 20 miles from here
under Gen Humphry Marshal
We are within 7 miles of Boonville
whom Daniel Boone first settled
But I must close for now I hope
to hear from you soon and
that you are all well I write
to Whather while at Lexington
Write soon and after We have
had but one Mail I got a letter
from Cune which was directed
to the C Hospital forwarded from
them Much love to all
Your affct brother & son
Chas W Wilcox