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Convalescent Camp
Lexington, Ky, June 26th 1863

Dear Brother

Since I wrote you
last I have been taken from
the Hospital to this place
which is gratifying to myself
on several accounts; first of
all it will assure you at home
that my health is much better
and am happy to say that I
am now feeling as well as I
ever did and should return
immediately to my Regt if it
were possible but Gen Burnside
issued an order over a week ago
against any of the 9th Corps
leaving this Camp or at least
going to Vicksburg I infer that

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so you see that one has to take his
chances in regard to roommates
while he stops here. They are "from
Tenn and would be very good
sort of fellows if they were not
~~the~~ rebels. They were taken at Somerset
after being wounded; one of them
through the body. ~~He~~ ^{He} now says he
feels as able to fight the yankees
now as ~~ever~~ ^{ever} there are about
dozen here in camp now who will
be sent off as soon to closer quarters
as soon as they are able. There are between
five and six hundred now in camp
50 were sent away to their Regts yesterday
and are incamped in different parts of
the State. Perhaps it would be
a pleasure to you to know that
I have seen and conversed with Gen
Grant's father who has been staying
a few days at this place at the
Hotel. He is not a very old man
and made me think of Old Me

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he has two reasons for this 1st that he expects it to return here in a short time 2^d that the Season & Climate would be unfavorable to Soldiers who are convalescent He has issued another order against any more furloughs or discharges

I have not yet heard from the Regt and I know of no one in the Division who has Most of the troops here belong to the 9th Corps altho there are some from nearly every state in the Union I was in hope that I should escape going to this camp as I did when at Washington but when we soldiers cant do as we want to, we have to do as we can We are in good wall tents with 6 in a Tent - a bed for each 2 of my Tent mates are from my Regt and two are rebel prisoners

Crocker I learned from him that
his son was Adjutant in the
Mexican War Has been in over
thirty battles and never ~~was~~ ^{has been}
defeated in any and has held
command in every one in this war
He feels confident of his success
at Vicksburg

There are no news here at present of
importance Prisoners are continually
being brought in to Town from
Cumberland Gap way and other
parts of the State 50 with a few
100. horses were lost in a few days
ago I wrote you last the 19th
and received the Boston Evening Gazette
yesterday I begin to think of
4th of July Celebrations at home what
is going to be done in B
Write all and often also please
remember me to all inquiring
friends with much love
your affect- brother & son
1st Srgt. Cha. W. Wilcox