Columbia College Hospital, Washington, D.C.
March 8, 1863

Dear Mother,

Years of the 27th came duly at hand, and I was happy to learn that you were all in better health than when I last heard. My pen is unable to describe how much good such letters from you Mother do me and I am often made to believe they do me more good than the Dr's medicine. Indeed, letters of the 4th came to hand yesterday containing the joyful news that I had been promoted to Wenshuphip and just as he expected I said to myself, well that is smart. But how I should like to see the little so called Misses of C.W. I was glad to learn that B and the child were both so well, but I imagine there is quite uncertain which and his head is on although his head seemed my clear when he wrote me. I thought a week or ten days ago that I might possibly have an opportunity of just-mentioning in which year by
this time but it has all fell through and there is no sight now of getting any nearer Home at present. But I do wish I could move now than ever and something tells me that I am going to live to see you all again at Home. My health is much improved since I wish you last and I do not imagine that I shall remain here many days longer I hope not at least for I am anxious now that I cannot get a furlough to get back to the Rgt. My throat is entirely well and my bowels are much better and more regular than they have been for some time I have a good appetite and can eat anything and perhaps you would like to know what our diet is, I mean those that are considered able to go to the mess Room. Well this morning we had mush and molasses (tasty pudding) with a slice of bread and something they call coffee but I can't drink it both for its taste and its effects so I lay 5, 10 and get a pint of milk! The dinner is some better today we had soup, boiled beef, potatoes with cabbage & turnip and bread, for supper we shall have coffee and bread with ritz appliance choose or butter which will
be strong enough to take Richmond Va. Not
much like that of yours which I am say to
say it all yorr but we can buy our good butter
of the paitte here for 2 50 cts. Tomorrow morning
me shall have hash and for dinner beans
and I should think this was high living if I was
out in the front with the Brett but it is
seldom that I sit down with the multitude
without thinking of Mathews butry
We have had awful mattr of late It has rained
as close as every other day and if you could
with mud you would say at once give me
the abw of M. Dr. Crusby name is
Thomas O. I don't know whither he is any
connection of the one you spoke of aint
I will try and find out I am waiting patienty
for you to hear from me I want a little more money
by little necessaries which I feel that
I need and to whip up my clothes soon
before I leave here I think I shall draw on
a shirt coat summer but it must be impossible
of get one to fit within gundhat without
fixing one There is no signs of being
paid off here yet I received a letter from
Brigant the same day of yours再也 the
men injurin therselves just rate but we
all out of money and Stamps and couldn't
see any signs of the Pay master
I congratulate you on your appointment as superintendant of C Schools for the Term of 2
years. Let him if I should get any discharge this Spring
be happy to take the job off his hands during the Summer as I think I could
make satisfactory returns. I am sure I trust he
will be successful himself. I hope if he is
to remain at Home that I will let him
know the management and go ahead. He
must know that I am better able and more
capable of it than himself
I am anxious to get a Mt paper and hear of the
return of the Indians. Also from VA I
fear will not come with the Captains
but hope not. I am willing to add that 0
man was as anxious about the State election
as at the present time. But war never seems
so much as anything else. I am as well as
dull as anything else. I am
The rest of the boys will be as all ask of the
born, all good fellows and you can off soon of the
you saved! You heard from Uncle Stephan I have
forgotten his address or I would write him. Neither
have moved. I wish you would inform me
next time. I wish you would inform me
next time. Don't a letter by hand the 4th
with love to all with a hundredfold share
for yourself, mother and a kiss for Nate and
the Baby. As we your sister

Srgt. Chap. W. Wilson