

No 44

Post Hospital

Lexington Ky July 6th 1863

Morning

Dear Mother

I received yours of the 8th Saturday last and was glad to learn that you were all well. I wrote to S. the 28th when we were at Camp at this place. Since then we have moved down to Hickman's Bridge which is now Gen Sturgis' headquarters. I wrote to Mary when then (2^d July) I received my Commission for 2^d Lieut of Co H. the day we marched down the 1st July and came back to L. M. on Saturday last for the purpose of getting mustered out of the Service and in as Lieut and shall return either today or

tomorrow to Ft. Bridge where

I shall remain at present

We were mustered here for
pay the 1st of the month and
expect to be paid off this week

I am not sure whether I shall
go to Vicksburg then or not

If it wasn't for my being mustered
so pay here I should start immedi-
ately

I received a letter from the Adjutant
with the Commish saying that
they were thin (June 20) on
Haynes Bluff and did not like
at all were anxious to have
Vicksburg fall that they might
return to Ky

With the same I also received
a letter from Henry date May
1st so you see it takes some
time for a letter to go down
there and back although
I should at get here before the
Regt left Ky

My health is first rate and

I now was feeling better
in my life
I could not help feeling
sad when I learned by your
last of Father's selling Old
Bill. He has been such
a good and faithful animal
to us all
The Rebs are playing around
us pretty lively the past few
days Friday they were within 50
miles of H. Bridge Saturday they
were within 30 miles and had
been engaging with our Cavalry
forces near Lebanon and had
burnt a Bridge near that place
the particulars of which I have
not yet learned
H. Bridge is a wild and rocky
country much unlike this part
although only 25 miles distant
but it is a strong place by nature
and we have some 300 colored
gentlemen to work building
extensive fortifications
And the numerous Storehouses

which the Gov have been building
reminds me of a new Settlement
Dispatching him from the Potomac
says that Lee and his forces
are getting themselves into a
bad fix and from reports
are led to hope and believe that
his Army will be nearly destroyed
before he gets back across the Potomac
ock. But I am not at all inclined
to go over the ground again - a
South Mountain & Antietam
Once in a place is enough
I wish you to answer this as
soon as you get it and send me
my Collier Studd (of gold) I care
till it from the rest as the distance
is greater between the ring & the
button through the shirt and
collar bath; just rap a piece of
paper round it and stick it to
the letter inside and opposite to
the corner where the P. M. stamp
the Envelope I will write a line
soon and not in so much of a hurry
Much love to all from your
affectionate son & brother C. N. Wilcox