

any one in the Company, but
I don't know what better is in
this Company as all are so well.
The Captain's leg (about which
I told you in my last letter)
has not gotten entirely well
yet, but is improving fast
it was quite a severe fall
I hope he will be well in a
day or so. We have the best
Captains & Col about with no
doubt that I do not know
which is the kindest but
I suppose the Captain is -
Col Weston comes to our
camp almost daily, repairing
about our health, eating &c
We are hearing of recruits
every day. Watson wrote to
the Cap that he would come
immediately to join us, but he
was sick in Charlottesville &

Camp Stephen
July 1st / 66

Dear Mother

My last letter I sent
by Hadclay Pogue, but as Mr
Lewis is going to Lexington
tomorrow I will write a few
lines to let you know how I
get on though there is no news
stirring still I write to let you
know that I am well.

We are still at Camp G.
have been here a week & two
days laughing eating & doing
nothing. I received my box
per Kendallton Saturday &
also a letter from Sam
was very glad to get some-
thing that decent people eat
nothing was spoiled. Jones and
Wes of my mess got a box also
we have been living high

but nine fellows will soon
finish the two.

He are still getting the
Yankees by ones Col Stuart's
cavalry brought in a rare
bird yesterday he is the best
looking specimen of the
genus horse I ever had the
pleasure to see. He asked him
how many cavalry they had
across the river he said 10,000
& 15,000,000 infantry endeavors
to make us think he is crazy
but can't succeed he is not
what he pretends to be his hands
are as white & as delicate looking
as a girls, once or twice we took
him off his guard & he talks very
sensible indeed.

It is reported to day that
the Yankees have struck their
tents and are going towards

Washington City they are
afraid of Old Beauguard
it is believed here that he
certainly will attack the City
The Yankees are withdrawing
all their forces & sending
them towards the City.

There has been no serious
illness since we left Lexington
Willems was removed from
camp today he had a slight
attack of the measles no one
else has them.

Have inquiries about my
health is very fine
I have not had sore feet
since I left home nor been
sick one minute never was
so well in my life not even
the headache. The Captain
says I stand 2 better than

I had not expected to take
another sheet but just as
I was finishing the other one
there come up a shower & I
ran into my tent & as every
thing was so comfortably fixed
I concluded to try my hand
on another. George White
has written to the Captain telling
him that he was coming on
to join him, I have just
heard that we will move our
camp to another piece of wood
about a mile off they fear
staying too long in one place
it will get sickly. I ~~was~~^{was}
^{night before} on guard last eight hours &
was not the least tired when
I came off. We get up every
morning at half past four I have
grown so used to it that I

jump up before the drum
beats. We drill six times
a day in the hot sun &
such a black set of fellows
you never saw in your
life if I was to come home
you would think I was
some Col's waiting boy.

There are two deserters here
from our army they belong
to Col Hills Regiment in
Western Virginia but as
they were caught here, we
will try them I suppose.

I cant keep my paper
clean to save my life
& can not write a decent
bit here. Excuse me
if you please
Ted