

Camp Common Apr 20 1862

Dear Friend George I am well and hope  
 this may reach you & your family and find  
 you all enjoying that blessing I wrote to  
 you once before but did not receive any  
 answer & also to Wm Wilson and not getting  
 an answer from either one of you I don't  
 know as you either one of you got the letters  
 so I thought that I would write again  
 we have a good deal of very bad weather  
 since we came here and there has been  
 a good deal of sickness there has been  
 some 4 or 5 deaths in our Reg but none  
 in the company that we are in we have lost  
 quite a number that has run Andy George Hall  
 Charley Hall Fute Hays Mac Johnson John Lower  
 George Philips & some 3 or 4 others besides what  
 has been discharged so that our co only numbers  
 about 50 men that can be relied on and  
 it is very bad in all the rest of the  
 companies we received 2 months pay

last Friday and that night there was 10  
 run away from out of B Co and some out  
 of A most very so I sent home \$20, and  
 out of my \$26 yesterday we received  
 Orders to pack knapsacks and be on our  
 march to Virginia by 5 P.M. it was quite  
 rainy and ~~awfully~~ muddy but we left  
 and went as far as George Town bridge  
 and got about half way across the bridge  
 when the order was countermanded and  
 we all had to march back to camp making  
 a march in all of about 7 miles some of us  
 completely covered with mud when we get  
 back our living here is not near as  
 good as a great many represent it to  
 be all of us have grown poor since  
 we came here there have to be 5 or 6 of  
 us in a pretty small tent in the tent  
 where I rest is C. J. Shepherd Frank  
 Walker Gus Phillips & Montgomery Fuller

I should have wrote more letters home  
 and to my friends if I had had had the  
 postage stamps or money to pay the postage

but all of us had got run where  
and Cal wrote home and had his  
wife send him some stumps

I dont know when we shall move  
from here I hope that by the first of  
july this war may be ended because  
there is to much speculation in it  
and it is costing Government more  
than she can stand up with. A great  
while I was glad to hear that the  
Democrats was whiped out good at their  
meeting I should think that Lane  
would apply to Gen Lewis for a situation  
in the Southern Army he has very  
bad luck in running for Office in our  
town but Give my best respects to him after  
all I am sorry that he cant see the right  
side I hope that you will get this  
and answer it because I like to hear from there  
You can read this to your family I send  
my best respects & good wishes to all of them  
and if Mason or Lorenzo wants to write  
to me to ask any questions about camp life

I will answer their letters with pleasure

Address Washington D.C  
101 Reg. Co. of U.S.A.  
Care Capt Gumm

P.S. I do not think of much more. we are  
having A cold run. to day.

I hope to ever Remain your friend

Martin Gilmer