Dear sister

I resceived your letter of the 10th and was glad to hear from you was glad you did not wait untill I had written to you you may know I shall always be glad to hear from you or any of the friends as often as they chose to write it is difficult for me to always write when I would like to there is one I must write to regular the rest of the time I have to write I must divide among the rest of my correspondents as well as I can as often as you chose write and shall always be glad to resceive them we have no winter quarters and weather is to cold the most of the time to write with comfort my health has ben making good so far I have one or two down spells but they did not last long I guess I eat to meny hardtacks the boys from our Town are all well and healthy and have ben with the exeptions of Enery we have not heard from him in sum time, I supose the papers have told you of the advance of Burnsides Army and how it got set in the mud and had to retreat or fall back to camp I had a pretty good chance to see the most of it as we wer in the advance and wer the first to come back there wer plenty of wagons of all kinds that wer in the mud and could not be stired untill Corderoy roads wer made to drive on if we had ben one or two days earlier and got acros the river and the mud stoped us we should ben annhilated I am well pleased to hear so good news from home to hear that the meeting have so good an efect and that sum I and prey that many more may give them few have ben converted selves to God and that meny of my own friends will be awakened to a sence of their duty Pheby do not give back one inch pres forward know for yourself that you are a child of god do all the good you can make it the business of your life it is good to serve the lord it pays every day in the end we reap a great reward at this present time there is a great deal to contend with there is a great many privaledges we are deprived of and we must bear it all patiently improve all of your time in school Give my respects to the school marm and all other inquiring friends when you write tell me all of the news that is al for this time

From Your Brother Philo

To Phebe Markham

Dear Sister I am thankful for this another privaledge to write a few lines to you hoping they will find you in good health also the rest of friends that are in Catt I am well now but have not ben for the past two weeks there is now nearly two weeks since I have done any duty there was one week I was considerable sick had some fever but not much I think it was caused mostly by my sistim being out of order eating to much and not having suficient exercize you know I was a great hand to allway be eating and uncle Sam feeds us pretty well in fact he gives us more than I can eat some of the boys will eat all they get and want more but I cant soft Bread now all the time but not so good as we did have one spell I resceived a letter from you about the Eighth but there has ben so much writing and so much going on I have forgoten what you wrote I think you wer going to stay to Mr Rices this sumer I think you said you did not know what to write cant you tell me what the folks are all doing Old and young who goes to meeting and wheather the singing is kept up this somer or not whare all the girls are and what kind of dashes they are trying to cut this seson and also of the young men I think you can find some thing that you can fill a large sheet or two of them pretty full I should like to learn the particulars of how the meetings are getting along at the sumit wheather there is much interest or not and if there is a large atendance if any of the new converts are growing Cold think up a long letter and write to me the practice of writing will do you good and me good to read I supose you have learned long before this of the battle and the part our Reg took in it and that I was not in the fight I was in the rear with the teams all I see of the fight was early Monday morning I was aroused by the Rebs throwing shells into our train they had labored hard all night to make a road to run a battery whare they could shell us they created considerable of a muss for a few moments when their batery was taken by our men which put a stop to their fun after the fight we wer all taken back to our old camp some have moved just fas enough to get on a new piece of ground our Reg day before yesterday moved near a mile from the old camp into a piece of woods it was thought to be very unhealthy on the same ground whare we wintered and I think the change is a good one the wounded men are geting along as well as could be expected George Real wound is very bad but is doing well now no more this time Philo

Camp in the Woods May 30th Near Stafford

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