

Camp in Lookout Valley Nashville Tenn.
January the 29. 1864

Dear Uncle and Aunt

As I have a few leisure moments
to myself I thought that I would
inprove them in writing to you.

I guess you have thought that I
didn't think much of my relations
because I did not write. The reason
I have not written before is that I am
ashame to write for I can't spell
nor write so enney one can read
it but I thoughts that I would
write and if you can't read it
jest send it back and I will read
it for you.

It is very pleasant hear to day.
It is jest as warm as I care about
having it but I expect to see some
warm days next summer. I almost
dread to see summer come. I suppose
you have seen some cold weather
up there by what I have heard. Well
it was some what cold hear if I
am enney judge. There was a
number froze to death in Chatanooga
about fore miles from hear but
wee have got a neary warm place

in the valley and wee have got us
little log houses and every thing is
slick around us. Wee keep our streets
swept so it looks neary nice but it
will soon play out for we think that
wee will halft to march before long but
I hope not. I schould not care so
much about it if I was going to march
home but this marching up to be shot at
is hant a neary pleasant thing. I notice
but Uncle it dont make so much difference
if we are preprard to meet our god in
peas that is what I look at but I hope and
pray that I may live so hapy that if we
never see each other on earth again that
I can meet you around the throne of god.
but I hope and trust that I schall have the
privelage of seeing all of my friends again
before I die. Few of poor Oscar is dead
and goan home to rest. I received a
letter from Milo and he is well and injoying
himself. Well I have not seen Charles in some
time but he was well the last time I see him.
He is down to the landing about fore miles from
here. Wee have some drilling to do and some
fatigee duty to do jest enough to keep us
healthy. Now Uncle as this paper is most
scribbled over I will halft to close by saying
write and you will oblige me veery much.
From Mr Lyman C, Wilber
To Uncle Nathan Wilber