

Near Fredericks Burge  
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Dear Mother Wilber

i think I Will try and Write a few lines to you and let you Know that i am a live yet Mother i am Well at present and EnJoying good health i am geting quite fleshy Mother i hope this leter Will find you all Well Rosina and all the Rest Mother did you think that i had forgotten you if you Did think So you thought Wrong for there aint ten Minutes in a day but What i think of Some of you O how i Would like to Step In oure house and See you all Mother What is the reason that you Dont Write i haint had a leter From you in a Good While is it Because you haint No Money if that is the reason Why you dont Write you Must go down to uncle Nathan Wilbers and get Two Dollars and See if you Cant Write Me a leter then Mother i want you to Write gust how you are getting along for i Want to Know all a bout the afairs Mother i haint Ben in No Battle yet Nor i dont want to Be in one We thought that We Was a goin to have one the other Night We Was orderd to March at two o Clock at Night So We Sat up and Cooked Some Meat and Rolled up oure blankits and got Ready for a March and at Two o Clock We started they orderd us Not to Make No Noise We Keep as Still as We Could We hadent Marched More then Two Milds Before they orderd us to load oure Guns and fix Bainen then We Started on We Marched then a bout one Mile then We Marched in plattoons and double quicked it for a peace they didnt Know But What the Rebels Cavelry Would atack us We Marched ten milds then We Stoped and Stayed that day and that Knight then the Next Morning took Axes and Shovels and pecks axes and Went to Work and Made a road in the Woods down to the River and Caried polls to Make a Brige a Cross the river the Reason Why they Marched in the Nite Was Because they didnt Want the Rebels to Know What We Was a doin i think that We Shall go there to Cross and a tack them Oure Men is fixen to have a batel With them they are a goin to try to get on three Sides of them that is What We think Well Mother if We have got to fight With them We Mite as Well be a bout it for i have got Sick of it We Can See the Rebels to Work throwing up Breast Works Well Mother i Must Stop Writing War News at present for this is Most all wrote over Mother tell Nathan to pay My land tax i forgot tell him in his leter Now Mother Write as Soon as you get this Derect your leter as before and it Will follow the Regtment Write Son as you get this Good By to Mrs Sally W

Oscar F Wilber