

May 13<sup>th</sup>  
1863

Winchester Va

My Dear Brother

A few time has elapsed since  
I last wrote to you, having no  
answer I was forced to write you on  
another line. I left the Hospital  
12 April but immediately on duty  
my health has been unusually good  
this spring. believe I can stand  
a hard marching since I  
left the Hospital as I did before. The  
general health of the troops here is  
very good. Our Company was detailed  
a few days ago to guard the fortification  
we have a pleasant time duty very  
light. It seems as if a great deal of  
hard scouting and picketing, we feel  
as though we were the happy family. Since  
we left the Regt and Camp up here  
our brigade still remains here  
but cannot tell how long

I understand that Gen. Kelley takes  
Command of Winchester shortly but the  
opinion is that this brigade will remain  
here for some time yet. Milling goes  
to West Virginia. If I could have choice  
I would prefer staying here in preference  
to any place I have been since I have  
been in the service. Our nearest neighbors  
are all loyal. Treat us very kindly  
our situation is about 2 miles north  
west of your old Camp Spring Grove  
our Captain is at home on furlough  
I will hear from him when he returns  
they were all well when I last heard  
I know of no Army news worse  
than you know Genl. Self I believe  
that Gen. Hooker has met with a  
brilliant success before I think the  
course that he is pursuing is the only  
one that will cause treason to tremble  
and bring about a lasting peace

Your friend Lt. Col. Bushfield says  
the 122<sup>nd</sup> Regt. has resigned on account  
of ill health.

Will let us hear from  
you as soon as you can  
Parents and Bent are both  
well and hearty  
Yours in haste

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