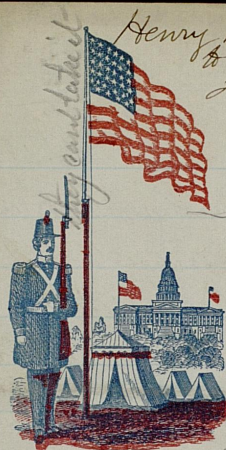


fate than being that I think
I know that you would not
like to see me come home in
that kind of a state as for
myself I would rather die than
disgrace the flag that I fight
under now maybe don't feel
alarmed about me for I feel
just as safe here as if I was
at home I was very sorry to
hear that George thought
of going till him that he must
take my advice & not enlist
for he will be sorry forever
after tell James that he must
not let William go for he
is too young for to stand the
hardships of a soldiers life
give my love to my sisters & tell
them that I think of them
every day of my life till James
that if he can send me a
little money it will prove very
acceptable for I cant get far
cent from the government give my
love to all of my friends from your
brother
Henry



Henry H
to Maggie
June 6th
[1861]

Camp Wilcox June 6

Dear Sister

I received your
welcome letter this evening
& I will try to answer
it we have had very bad
weather here for two or
three days past it has rained
very much all the time we have to
sleep on the ground with nothing
but our blankets though we have
tents they are very poor ones
the tents were so crowded that
one squad consisting of four took
our blankets & a piece of canvas
& pitched a tent apart from the
other men but our tent did not
prove water proof so that I have had
a wet skin for two days & nights
but such is a soldiers life it is a
little worse than I expected the men

all complaining of the poor food
& sleeping arrangements it is pretty
hard for to do eight hours duty
every day & then come home and
have to sleep on the ground but
I do not write this for to make
you think that I am suffering
for I am not my friends here
are all very kind to me the
only thing that a man wants
here is a stout heart & he can
get along you know that there
is only two months for me to
serve yet & then I am done
soldering & very glad I will be
when my time is up & if I ever
want to go again I will join
the regular army for they are
treated a great deal better than
we are that is they are thought
more of they think that no man
would enlist for three months
and that they must get just as

much work out of us as possible
so that all of the men that were
so fast to sign their names for
three years are the ones that want
to go home the worst now the
other night we were out on
picket guard that is guarding the
outsides of the town sergeant
Hollaway came up with a file of
men & past the sentinel on guard
& without the countersign to be
passed the guard the first time
without being seen but in
coming back the sentinel saw
him when he fired his gun
of in the air & ran as fast as
his legs could carry him the
sergeant said that he had a
great notion to shoot for being
such a coward but he has got a
much worse sentence for they have
given him his discharge & sent him
home in disgrace which was worse