

that I will write as soon as I can
get a chance we expect to move to
better quarters next week & then I
will have a better chance to write
to all of my friends till Will & George
that they must take my advice & not
join the army I wrote to Steve the other
day if he had left with his co as I
suppose he has I wish that you
would send it to him if you can
find where he is live my love
to all Yours & Gen. Huletison

Q Q You would laugh if you
could have seen the Michigan
Boys going out to dig in the trenches
with their pickaxes &
spades on their shoulders all are
dressed in linen pants & Blue
shirts we dig three hours every
day just enough to keep us healthy
Yours & Gen.
Huletison



Camp Wilcox June 3rd
Dear Brother
It being the
the greatest pleasure that I have now
to write to hear from home I will
try & pen you a few lines to kind of
keep you posted on our affairs & things
in our camp at present it is very
dull here we did expect to go to a
place called Manassas Gap it is seventy
miles from Alexandria they had got the
rail road in good order & were ready
to send the trains over it again but
the night before last the rebels burnt
some of the bridges & tore up a good
piece of track last night they sent
out one company to guard the line
of road for five miles they will
be stationed in fours about 100 yds apart
& sometimes they are doubled that is
if it is thought necessary it is nothing

unsent for to hear five or six shots
that are fired at the sentinels every night
it is a very ticklish place for to be
put on picket-guard but for all that
the men are all anxious to be put on it
it is quite an honor to be put on it we have
had a great time aboard our food here
the Quarter Master was feeding us on hard
crackers & salt pork & the men complained
of it so that the Col ordered him not to
serve out any more of that kind so that
now we get one barrel of flour & one hundred
rations of fresh beef every morning so that
we live much better than we did before
our Col feels very bad about the Government
taking the Command of this place from
him & another thing it makes the men
here think that they have not much
confidence in him we think here that
he is a man that would sacrifice half of
his regiment to satisfy his own ambitions
as for myself I do not pretend to have any
thing to say to say about it but as a

general thing the men do not like him
our Lieutenant-Col is a going home on
account of sickness in his family & by
that the Major is raised to his post &
they talk of making Capt Linn Major
we are all very sorry to part with him
for there is not ~~any~~ good command in the
regiment for Captain ~~as~~ he is & besides we
may be partial but we would rather have
him than have him for Major we have
had very bad weather all this week it
has rained very near all the time as for
myself I have pretty bad luck I have got
a very sore finger so that I am on the
sick list I think that it is a fever & if
it is I will be laid up for a week or
more in every other respect I am in good
health give my love to my sisters & tell
Maggie & Nell that I wrote to them the
other day tell Mattie that I shall write
to her in a day or two remember me
to all of my friends Capt Linn sends
his best wishes tell John & George