

June 7<sup>th</sup> 1864

Camp in cornfield

15 miles south of

Kingston Va.

Dear Mary I once more have a few spare moments which I improve by writing you a few lines but being very tired (having marched until 10 o'clock last night and then 15 miles today) I do not know whether I will be able write much or not, but in the first place we have had a very hard march the distance being in all about 330 miles and have been 24 days on the road and have rested but 3 days making an average of a little over 15 miles a day, but I have stood it remarkably well having been out of ranks only about four miles on the trip and then I fell out to get some water but was up when the regiment stacked arms. I will give you a short

description of the route we have taken  
so by looking at a map you can  
see where we have been rambling.

We started from Clifton on the Tenn.  
river about 25 miles below Pittsburgh  
landing via Wainsborough Lawrence  
burgh Pulaski Elkton Huntsville  
Ala. thence to Decatur then to Rome  
Geo. via of Summerville Warrington  
Cannburen Cedar Bluff then from Rome  
to Kingston and <sup>then</sup> here in this corn  
field which I expect we will leave  
in the morning. but I think our  
hard march is about over we being  
only about twelve miles from Sherman's  
front. The news from Sherman is  
encouraging the Rebs are steadily  
giving back before our forces he has  
a large army it numbering with  
this corps about one hundred and  
forty five thousand men we have  
passed over a part of his battle  
ground and from the strong positions  
that the Rebs have left I cannot



fear much about the success of our  
army. Dear Mary I have just saw  
a Herald which had a list of the  
casualties in the 122<sup>d</sup> Reg. and see  
that Samuels names is marked am  
ong the missing how anxious you must  
be to hear what has become of him.  
I feel very anxious myself to get some  
word from you to hear wheather you  
have heard any thing further: but  
Dear Mary if he has fallen bear it  
as well as you can I know it would  
almost kill you. I expect Lewis is  
not far from here I wish I knew what  
corps he belongs to so that I could  
find him I shall make all the  
inquiry I can about the Reg. but it  
is a chance if I can find unless I  
the corps and division. The 14<sup>th</sup>  
and 97<sup>th</sup> are on this road about 12  
miles from here I feel in hope that  
I will get to see some of the boys.

My health is very good yet but the  
most of the boys are almost worn out

with the long march Will has not  
been very well for a week past he  
has very sore eyes he gave out on the  
march twice but it is the fewest that  
has not I have not rode one step  
yet. I was very much disappointed  
in not receiving a letter from  
you when we got to Rome and still  
more when I arrived at Kingston  
but I hope I shall receive one soon  
I believe I have written enough  
for this time

Write often

From your  
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Direct to Kingston Va.  
Co. E 98<sup>th</sup> Regt  
~~2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade~~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade  
3<sup>rd</sup> Division 19<sup>th</sup>  
Army Corps