

Dear Alice

As Mary is writing to Carrie I will write a few lines to you. I go to school the same as usual. I am in No 9 and Im in the fourth class. Miss Galpen is my teacher I like her very much. I do not think I told you that Ms. Barrett

the 27th Conn Regiment. We felt very sorry to lose him. He as a n Agutant and the scholoars in No. 9 _____ and No. 10 _____ made him _____ a present of a sord and belt. Mr. Phelps brought them in after school one night and showed them to us they looked very handsome and he has had his hair cut very short so he looks very funny. We had a holiday Friday on account of the teachers convention at Waterbury. Mother and Mary and I went up to _____ services in the afternoon and had a very pleasant time and came home at half past 7 in the evening. I should like very much to see Emilys curly head but I suppose I shall have to wait a while. Alice I will give you warning that i shant write to you again till you write to me and I dont'care if you are gone to bed you must get up and write to me.

Mr Stockwell a young student has take Mr. Baret place the girls think he is to sticht you rember what a which Emma Clark is she like to have got turned out of school the school the other day it seems that she had done something and Mister Stockwell told Mr. Phelps of it and he took in to his reception room and gave her a whipping she cam into the schoolroom crying and Mr. Phelps said he would try her 3 days more and if she did not behave then she would take her books and leave. I have been sick with the scarlet rash so that I had to stay home from school.

_____ Lockwood Alice Schoolmate was promoted to No 2 and then was promoted backward to No 3. They have built a new school called Wooster Street school and a great many have left the Eaton and gone to the Wooster School.

I have but room enough to sign myself youre friend and Schoolmate.

T.S. I hope this letter is long enough.

Sarah _____ Cooper

Alfred Nelson Wilcox

His service in the Army of the United States during the War of the Rebellion.

Enlisted at Madison, Conn. and Enrolled July 30, 1862

Mustered as a private in Company "E" 14th Regiment of Conn. Vol. Infy. at Hartford, Conn. August 29, 1862.

Promoted Corporal, February 9, 1863.

Transferred to Company "C" 19th Regiment Veteran Reserve Corps, January 13, 1864.

Promoted Sergeant, September 12, 1864.

Discharged as Sergeant at Elmira, N.Y. July 13, 1865, after the close of the war.

Engagements -

"Antietam" September 17, 1862

"Fredericksburg" December 12, 13, 14, 1862.

"Chancellorsville" May 2-3, 1863.

"Gettysburg" July 2-3, 1863.

"Cedar Mountain" September 17, 1863.

"Bristor's Station" October 11, 1863.

"Mine Run" November 30, 1863.

"Wilderness" May 5, 6, 1864.

In Hospital at Washington
with Typhoid Fever

Bolivar Nov^e 18th 1862

Dear Daughter Alice

I wish that I could see you instead of writing but I shall not have the pleasure of seeing you at present. I hope you are ^ewell it is a long time since that I have heard from Home has the School commenced yet do you go if you do try to be a good girl and learn all you can, there is not any thing that gives me more pleasure than to know that my children are good, you should all ways be very careful to speak the truth and be honest and upright in all your conduct when you are at play with children you should not take offence at the little things that my happen but learn to govern your temper while your are young it is much easier to do it while your young then when you are older. Alice i love you and think of you every day and I believe you love your Father, do you always mind your mother and try to please her. I hope you do. You must write to me and tell me all about what you are doing how you do. I am getting a little better every day. I have a good appetite. Yesterday I bought some milk and made me some toast for breakfast - for dinner I boiled corn beef for supper I made me a minute pudding we have plenty of baked bread, rind beef other things we have to buy. It is raining and muddy so it makes it very unpleasant getting about I should like to have you see Hearpers Ferry then you might have some idea what distruction this war makes in property. I hope this war will soon come to a close.

From you AFF Father

A N Wilcox

August 20th 1863

Camp near Warrenton Junction

My Dear Daughter Alice

It is almost one year since I have seen you. I hope this war will end before long so that I can go Home. For I do want to see you very much. You wrote that your school would close in four weeks. You did not tell me how much you had learned this summer. that is what I want to know When I get Home I expect to find that you have learned a great deal. We are in camp on an open field, that was last planted with corn it is very dirty and hot. I suppose that our officer selected this lot so that we could see the new recruits if they try to run away. Last week when we was ON picket - in the woods, I believe that 50 recruits ran away. Our new mess are not allowed to go out of camp without a guard or NON 'commission Officer goes with them. I have just taken out a squad for water. We have enough to do, to look out for our CON scripts. Alice I want to have you write to me tell me all about what you are doing, how much you Improved in your studies & tell me every thing you can think of. I am pretty well. I have omitted several words now. (No wonder for I have had to stop several times to wait on the conscripts.

From your Aff Father

A. N. Wilcox

Havenwood Hospital
Sunday Nov 1st 1863

Dear Wife

I have received a letter from you this afternoon. I am very glad to hear that Alice is getting better. She must be very careful, dont let her eat everything give her light food till she gets strong. Caroline I am very sorry that you have to work so hard I hope you will see easier times. Someday, if it wasnt for hope I dont know what we should do. It seems to me that Nelson Murray is staying a long time away from his Regt (11) Well Nel is a good soldier. I hope he has had a good time.. I have not been ~~examined~~ ~~examined~~ yet. I expected to have been last friday but was not for some reason. When I find out what that the Doctors in charge are ~~against~~ agoind do with me I will write immediately and let you know. Do Mr. Fowlers folks hear from Edgar Moody very often? What does he write? Is he well? Do you know what Father is doing now? Timothy is really afflicted. How lonely he must be.. Henry did not like the pictues I sent to ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Nanfred (Sp?) it was like the one I sent Emilie. He thought the one which I sent him very good.. He said I looked up to much . Well I cant help it. You know there is no perfection here in this World.. Nothing perfect.

11 o'clock Monday morning. We have just got our ward cleaned ready for inspection. There is a great deal of red tape about the Hospitals, as well as in the Army. At the time of inspection every man that is well enough has to stand at the foot of his bed at attention. Every thing must be in perfect order or the inspector will find fault. I hope some day private will be on an Equal with shoulder straps. (or Rascals) many privates are more worthy of wearing shoulder straps than the men are that wear them. Caroline I dont want you to send me any bundle until I send for one. How soon do you get your months pay from the State. I was mustered in for pay last Saturday. If I stay here I shall get my in a few days. I have spent more money since that I have been in Washington. then I ought to. I have bought me a vest & cap have had my picture taken. I have a little money left yet. I ought to send it to you but I dont like to be without I owe money here. I have not spent much only for vest cap & pictures.

From your Afft Husband

Alfred A. Wilcox