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Camp. Sec near Lynchburg Va
July 8, 1861

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Dear Sir

Agreeable
to promise I embrace the pres
ent opportunity to write you
a short letter. Doubtless you
have heard that we reached
this place in safety the day
we left Danville. We were at
first encamped at White River,
but owing to the inferior quality
of the water we were moved
to Camp Sec near the fair grounds
There are at this camp eight
companies with an aggregate
of about 700 men. It is almost
impossible to ascertain the
number of troops in and near

this city as companies are
daily arriving and departing
But as near as I ^{can} guess. I suppose
about 4000, several companies
leave on tomorrow for the
seat of war. Since I left
Henry I have enjoyed fine
health with the exception of
a severe species of the ear
ache which you know is
not very pleasant. I am fearful
that my ear will rise and cause
me to suffer considerably.
I am much better pleased
than I expected to have been
under circumstances so differ-
ent to what I have been acc-
ustomed, I have enough to
eat, though it is pretty rough.
We have shoulder meat, beef
Coffee. Sugar and occasionally
malapies, I have not seen a
piece of corn bread since

I left Army. I would give almost
any thing for a glup of good butter
milk and a nice hot cake,
we have commenced drilling
under the superintendence of
Cadet Walker. who takes us
around in a hurry. I think
it very probable that our
company will be under the
command of Col. Langhorne
who has the reputation of being
a good officer, and the app
earance of a chon gentleman.
How long we shall remain
here is altogether uncertain
though I suppose not less
than three weeks. We will
I presume ~~to~~ when we leave
this place move towards
Manassas Junction, news
reached here this afternoon
that a battle was expected at
Winchester tomorrow, what



reliance can be placed in
the report. I am unable to
say we had hear so many such
reports that, none are now
credited. There has been
considerable sickness in camp
for the last four or five days.
Fully a third of our Company
have had an attack of -
Dysentery, though none of
them have been very ill.
Both of the surgeons for this
camp being absent. I have
had a pretty busy time of it
for the last three days - as
I have had to attend to several
Companys. The measles
have broken out in camp
and I fear that a great many
will contract the disease
none of ours have yet taken it

Our company seem in fine spirits, and appear to enjoy their selves finely. At night some are reading & dancing some singing spiritual songs, and others like myself writing to friends at home. The camp is a great place for immorality and unless one is very much on guard he will be very apt to contract some vile practices. I believe that I have such control over my passions as to resist all things calculated to degrade and demoralize. At least I hope so.

As it is getting very late at night (for I believe very light in camp is out but none) I will close my letter in a few more lines

I wish you to write to me soon
give my respects to Mrs Gravelly and
to all inquiring friends.
With many kind wishes for your
present prosperity and future -
welfare; I remain

Very Truly
your friend
C. L. Wingfield

Do excuse bad writing as I
wrote on my knee, and in
great haste and have not
time to correct errors,

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