

for I do not - but - there is one thing
 if I do make up my mind to go in
 for the war it will not be under
 the command of Genl. Wileso. but
 in some other Regt - the way that things
 look now I think that I will not serve
 more than three months but if I do I
 will let you know there was a great
 excitement here last night we got the
 news that Col Stone was taken with
 three thousand prisoners the Regt was
 ordered out of camp in God's name all
 night expecting Benavengard to attack
 our fort - but he did not come as
 for myself being out on guard & my
 post being the farthest out about
 three miles from camp you may know
 how I felt when I heard the news there
 was a great excitement - we got through the
 night however without any alarm at all
 but I was mighty glad when it was day
 break I heard I have seen John Bull -
 I did not have much time to talk to him
 as he was busy chiling I did not see Casey
 they all seem very well satisfied being my love
 to all the folks of your camp kids there all
 for me that is all the best Capt James
 Best respects to George that I wrote him the same
 time that I did you from Henry

I am very much obliged to you for that to
 that you sent me for it - I was
 in that when I wanted it & I
 and very gratefull for it
 Camp Nelson June 17/61

Dear Brother
 Yours of the

thirtieth I received yesterday while out
 on picket guard - It gave me great
 pleasure to hear from you we are
 getting along very well here the fare
 is a little better than it was that
 article of the tenth in the Tribune
 gets all the credit - the Col says that
 we are a disgrace to the Regt but
 we all think different - I don't think
 that he will get over one company
 out of the whole regiment to go
 for three years the men don't like
 him & they say that they would try
 to for he treats his men worse a lot
 of slaves than men only yesterday
 morning he called us out for inspection
 & sent us but let me go back a little
 on Saturday morning we had to chill