

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 tell 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 give my love
to all Yours & Co
Henry Hutcheson

Oh 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 & Co
Henry



Camp Wilcox June 5th
Dear Brother
It being the
the greatest pleasure that I have now
to write to hear from home I will
try to 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 Manassa 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