

Camp of the 53 South
of Savannah Ga.
Jan. 3rd 1863

Dear Brother & Sisters not
hearing from you since I
left home I take ^{the} task to
night of writing you a
letter to let you know that
I have not forgotten you &
that I am well & hearty
at present hoping this will
come safe to hand and find
you all well) Ab. I have
seen many ups and downs
hard times & gay times since
I left you at Jeffersonville
I have traveled over a good
portion of the Confederacy &
have come to a halt at last
you are aware already of the
Co & Regt that we was assigned
to we left Marietta the 11th

of Nov. and marched 22 days
before stopping there is some
fine country in Ga and some
way from Shermans Army ^{destroyed} the
country for 50 miles wide and
destroyed all the railroads in
the state we lived fine coming
through foraging any thing we
wanted we had some little fight
on our way through I got ^{King}
some fair shots at the johnies
but they had the same at me
we captured some fine artillery
at this place Savannah is
A large city and well fortified
The river running in front
of the city our brigade is camped
3 miles south of the city I was
out on A pass to day and
traveled all over Savannah
since Sprinkle was with me

the 23 is in this brigade & I
I have received but two letters
since I left home, we received
marching orders this evening
our destination is unknown
Some say we ^{are} going to hitton
head and thence to port royal
or charlestown the first five
of our corps marched to the
mouth of warsaw Sound
to day and boarded the trans
we will follow ^{to} tomorrow
the boys is in good spirits
except them that is sick
Simr Shirecliff was taken
to the hospital some time ago
and has not been heard from
since Toak, Sprinkle &
jimm jenkins is in the
hospital yet I have not been
sick an hour since I move

seen in the Service Sol. &
myself is nearly the same
as brethren always being
together) So I will bring
my letter to close you
must write soon as you
get this if you see any of
paps folks or barbery tell
them to write as I dont
know when I can write
again excuse my bad
spelling and writing for
Cag Pearson is going on so
nobody can write write soon
and often I remain your
Brether as ever John C Esau
Sol sends Wm C Miller
his respects & Sarah Miller
to you and hint I wants you
to write to him