

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

Dear Brother & Sisters not  
hearing from you since I  
left home I take <sup>the</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup>

of Nov. and marched 28 days  
before stopping there is some  
fine country in Ga and some  
way from Shermans Army <sup>destroyed</sup> 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 <sup>King</sup>  
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 <sup>are</sup> 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 <sup>to</sup> 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 Esary  
Sol sends Wm C Miller  
his respects & Sarah Miller  
to you and hint I wants you  
to write to him