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John Kim gets along very well. My wages as orderly sergeant is \$20, pr month.

I am glad to learn that the young men are volunteering so that they will not have to be drafted, but I don't want Swipe to get any of them. Many can go to school if she wants to, use the "Green backs" for that purpose. We have not been paid for over four months but look for it soon. We are still in Sigel's corps, Schenck is driving McLean's Brigade, Gen Pope is out much thought of out here, neither is McDowell, But Sigel gets cheered where ever he goes, and so does old Milroy.

You can write to Channings
sisters and tell them about
him, he is safer there than
here, and I expect he will
be or is paroled, if so
he can go home and stay
until he is exchanged.

Being taken prisoner is not
so bad as folks generally
think, they are entirely out
of danger when prisoners.

I want you to write every
week and if you don't
hear from me often you
know the reason is that
we can't send letters when
we want to.

I am now in Georgetown D.C.
superintending the reduction
of our baggage, we are
only allowed 10 wagons
in place of 16 as we used
to have. I want to try

and get into Washington
if I can but I am afraid
I shant make it as no-
body is allowed there un-
less they have a pass from
their Division General
Brigadier Generals have
to have passes.

Gen Schenck is wounded
in the arm, he was very
much thought of. There
could not be a braver man
than Schenck, and McLean
and Reily are not behind
him. Well I must close.
Give E.P. H. Capron \$5.00 for
me, I dont know what
I owe him but probably
that will help some.

If you see him tell him
about Kalahan,
and tell Kalahans folks that
there is nothing dangerous

about his wounds, so
the Dr told me.

Nothing more
affectionately

Dear

write soon and
often.

My thanks to Mr. Wilson

My Respect ~~at~~ to all the
folks in Yellow Springs

Tell Ally I should like to
try something out of her
garden.

I should like to have your pictures
but am afraid I could not
carry them, we are loaded down
now.