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Adjutant General Correspondence

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**1862-05-08 Asa W. Wildes reports the confusion within various regiments and lack of supplies**

Asa W. Wildes

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In Journal  
Gleaner Knickerbocker  
of New York Times  
May 8<sup>th</sup> 1862

Hon Isaac Wash Junr

Sir

Every thing  
is so confused here. That I hardly  
know how to write. Our army is  
still advancing & the enemy fleeing  
before it. None of our Regiments  
have met with any loss, with the  
exception of the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, and <sup>that</sup> slight.  
(Officers all safe) The 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup>  
3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, are with the advance at  
Milliamdury. The 2<sup>d</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> at West  
Point. Some 40 miles or more here.  
I understand there has been  
fighting there today, our troops  
winning the day. with a loss to  
us of about 100 men killed & wound-  
ed. The 2<sup>d</sup> was not in the fight  
& I have not learned any thing of  
but about the 5<sup>th</sup>. In connection with  
the New Jersey 3<sup>rd</sup> Volunteer Engineers  
I have succeeded in securing this  
boat as a hospital ship for our.

for our wounded men. (without  
expense to the State.) I think it will  
prove a good arrangement,  
for Mr. Lee & Chaplain Ellis were  
killed here tonight both very  
sick, I shall try to get them on  
board the boat in the morning.  
Our 6th & 7th Regts. fought splendidly  
at Williamsburg last Monday and  
received the thanks of Gen. McClellan  
this morning. Who directed them  
to inscribe Williamsburg on their  
banners, as a monument of their  
gallant bearing, for Turkeybury & some  
are with our Regts in the ad-  
vance. to Richardson I return for the present  
on this vessel. Our Hospital stores  
in the confusion of the advance  
have been misplaced, and I am  
employed to <sup>through</sup> a fleet of  
350 transports, to find them.  
I was present under the heavy  
fire of the enemy last week before  
the evacuation and <sup>something</sup> shot  
& shells & shells. I shall go on to the  
advance tomorrow morning, & on  
my return will write you par-  
ticulars

Respectfully  
Yours  
A. W. Nichol

How glad am I to hear he is  
doing well

A. W. Wildes

Yorktown May 8, 1862

Wildes A. W.

To. J. Washburn

