

Camp 9th N. H. Vol

Point Burnside Key Feb 7th 1864

Dear Nenele

As I am making a business of letter writing today I will not overlook you in any list of friends and benefactors I wrote a very brief note to you just before leaving Camp Nelson Key at the same time I sent a small box to you by Express containing my Cape and a pair of shoes which I could not take along with me and I thought them too good to throw away so I sent them to you for safe keeping until I should call for them and I gave a common soldiers afurcoat for field service I should have written you more at the time but we were very busy every moment during our stay the turning over our old Windsor Rifles and drawing new ones (Colts Patent Springfield "1) and other important & business

We left Camp Nelson on the 25th inst and arrived at this place on the 31st inst after having a much more pleasant march than we had or could even expect at this time of the year

I am not certain how long we shall remain here or whether we shall go any farther towards

Kenosville. We are now as we have been since we commenced guarding the Bridges in the 2nd A.C. detached from the 9th A.C. temporarily but Colo Titus received a dispatch from Gen Burnside a day or two ago stating that we still belonged with the old 9th A.C. which gave us all much satisfaction as we may go back with the rest of the Corps to N.J. as ordered by the war department. We do not care so much about going back there as we do getting back with the old Corps. Still we think it would be much easier than to wade through the mud to Kenosville at this season of the year. We are at present encamped on the banks of the Cumberland River where the two forks north and south come together and about eleven miles from Dover. My health never was better and it seems like old times again to find the Regt together and in actual field service and it seems good too to see our thin ranks so well filled up. I now have 67 men fit for duty 96 present and absent. My Capt (Strom) is still sick at his Home in N.H. One of our Dets saw your partner Mr Baggors while we were at Camp Nelson who inquired after me and sent word for me to call on him which I should have most assuredly done had it been possible for me to do so.

done so as I should have been
pleased to have seen him

I have heard from Home once since
we came in to this camp dated the 2nd Jan
they were all quite well then although
it was quite sickly in that vicinity
How is your and Aunts health I hope
good, tell Aunt L that I am going
to answer her letter sometime

I have not seen a ^{news} paper since we left
Camp Nelson so know little of what the
news is of the day I learn by the way
however that the rebel army has nearly
all left - I hope this is true

I don't see how they are going to hold
out much longer but I must close
hoping to hear from you soon

I remain Respectfully your affec
tionate nephew

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