

Keimbroughs Bridge near

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Dear Brother Henry

New years day has not passed without my thinking many times of you and all at Home It is now 5 o'clock P.M. and I am sitting in my Tent by my table and close by a blazing hot fire but I am so cold that I can hardly hold my pen but I thought that I must write you a few lines before I have for my boarding place when I shall be obliged to remain over night - on account of the Cold, Cold, There is no snow on the ground but the thermometer stands at 18 ^{degrees} below 0. which is very cold with in for this Country so I imagine it must be pretty cold with you in Vt. Night before last it rained and was quite warm but it changed during the night and in the morning it was 6 degrees below 0 making a change of 24 degrees I don't know when I have felt so homesick as I have since yesterday A.M. when we received orders from Hd. Qrs. to be ready to move from here tomorrow (Sunday) morning; to be relieved by the 41st Ky Regt of Cav. when we are going I am not able to state you will therefore direct ~~you~~ to me hereafter (until you hear from me) to P. N. H. V. Cincinnati O We are in hopes the order

in regard to moving tomorrow will be countermanded
until the weather moderates some The Citizens of
Paris and Cythiana have sent in a petition
this P.M. to the Gen in favor of having us remain
as they say we are the best set of men ever stationed
here I hope it will succeed but I am willing to
go wherever ordered if we can do any more good
for the putting down this rebellion We have
received about 500 recruits from N.H. the past
week but they have not been distributed to the
Cos yet so we shall again have a full Regt
my health is the very best, and hope yours and
all is the same I forgot to say that we are going
to be mounted on Horses isn't that good
Write soon much love to all

Your affec^t brother and son

C. W. Wilcox

9 weeks M Sabbath eve

Genl. Comdg Co F. 9th N.H.

Tired and sleepy but I must write a few
lines, I have just returned from a long and tiresome ride of
50 miles having been out as detectives after deserters Your
citizens would have laughed ~~at~~ to have seen me dressed in full
citizens dress of butternut-color We were unsuccessful but
expect to try it again tomorrow Our orders in regard to
moving have been countermanded until Tuesday the 5th
150 men from this place and 1000 from Paris have been
sent to Gen Boyl in favor of our remaining but I fear it
be of no ~~at~~ avail I will write as soon as we learn or as soon
as we are at our destination It has snowed all day and is
still snowing so that there is about 4 inches on the ground
but the weather is moderating Our recruits are deserting every day
two of mine deserted last night All I want is a sight of
them and I will stop them for the last time They are worth
prizes and received from 3 to 5 hundred dollars bounty
in a soon

C. W.