

Reimbroughs Bridge near

Cynthiana Ky Dec 23 1863

Dear Uncle

Yours of the 1st came duly at hand and was glad to learn that you had received the money all right and in due time was also pleased to learn of yours and Aunts continued good health and that Thanksgiving had passed off so pleasantly with you and that while you and the good people of S were well provided for at Home; you were not unmindful of the wants and comforts of the poor Soldiers

I should be most happy to be with you through Christmas and should if it were possible for me to leave, but the only officer with me here at this Bridge is going on a short tour out into the Country and one of us are obliged to be here and I give up to him as he has not been away from his command since he came out - The Union people of the place are going to furnish a Christmas supper to the 4 Companies stationed at the two Bridges here. The men are anticipating a good time

Two hundred Conscripts ^(have?) arrived at Paris Ky from N.H. and they will be distributed out to the Co as soon as Furloughs can be furnished as there is no room in the Blockhouses Six have deserted

since their arrival to Paris but understand that
they have been retaken There has been a great
deal of excitement in this vicinity in regard
to the draft - here especially among the ~~sees~~
who were greatly pleased to have the draft put off
instead of having the \$300. clause struck out
but I am in hopes it will be yet
I have not heard from Home for several days
but hope to soon I have a severe cold on my
lungs now and have not been able to be about
for several days but am feeling some better
today and hope to be about again soon excepting
this my health has been very good but the
weather of late has been very changeable
Tell Aunt & I will acknowledge the receipt of
her welcome letter of the 13th as soon as convenient - as
that one was very interesting to me
Hoping this may find you and Aunt as usual
I remain as ever your affectionate nephew

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