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Camp, 9<sup>th</sup> N. H. Val

Burnside's Point - Key Jan 31 1864

Dear Mother

Once more I am glad to find an opportunity of writing you at Home a few lines to let you know where I am and how I am

I wrote you a few lines the day we left Camp Nelson the 26<sup>th</sup> and hope you have received it ere this. We arrived here yesterday P.M. having had the most agreeable march that we have ever had (if there are any such). The weather has been splendid the most so that I ever saw at this time of the year: pleasant days and warm nights until yesterday morning when it commenced

raining which it is still doing  
and we had very little mud  
to mix until it rained then it  
was awful: but we have a  
splendid Camp Ground here on  
the banks of the Cumberland River  
the soil being sandy so that the  
water goes out of sight as soon  
as it strikes the ground.

We expect to stop here 3 or 4 days  
or until the Brigade trains  
come up and perhaps longer  
but probably not more than a  
week when we shall push on  
again towards Knoxville Tenn  
My health is first rate and I  
now enjoyed soldering better in  
my life but I don't know how  
I should have stood it to have  
carried a knapsack as it is the  
first marching that I have done  
since last year but the men  
stood it nobly and my Co are

her who started 72 in all  
We are at present in the 1<sup>st</sup> provis-  
ional Brigade — Division 23 A C  
but we consider ourselves as still  
belonging to the old 9<sup>th</sup> A C  
and don't want to belong to any  
other we have Ohio and Mich  
Regts with us but I don't remembe  
the names Colo Titus is in command  
of the Brigade While we were  
at Camp Nelson we turned over  
all of our old guns and equipments  
and drew new ones called Burnside's  
patent Springfield rifle They look  
nice and are a splendid price  
having the triangular bayonet  
instead of the saber ~~like the old~~  
which is much lighter than  
the old Taking these with the  
clothing and Camp and garrison  
equipage that I have drawn from  
the Gov since I have been with  
the Co makes me responsible

for about \$3000<sup>00</sup> so you see  
it is not so pleasant a job to be  
in command of a Co of lawless  
men but I intend to keep everything  
straight and square with U.S. if  
possible but I often wish that  
Capt. Stone was here He is still  
quite sick at his Home in N.H.  
While at Camp Nelson I sent  
Stephen \$1000<sup>00</sup> by Express and come  
to think of it I am not sure whether I  
wrote Home while there or not, but I think  
not for I didnt have time to do anything  
for myself and believe I never work  
so hard both bodily and mentally in  
my life we had so short a time to  
do a great deal I also sent my  
mice Cape which I paid \$25<sup>00</sup> and  
some other things to Uncle Stephen Brooks  
as I could not very well carry them and  
I just as soon have a common soldier  
own a boat for this kind of life and so  
my Cape for another winter  
But you must let this suffice for  
I am officer of the day and I have had  
to hop up a dozen times since I comed the  
Night after Much love to all hoping  
this may find you and all well I remain  
as ever your affec son O. W. Wilson  
Lieut Comdr Co E 9<sup>th</sup> N.H.V