Camp 9th M. H. Vol

Point-Paris, Tenn. Feb 7th, 1864

Dear Uncle

As I am making a business of letter writing today I will not overlook you in my list of friends and benefactors. I wrote a very brief note to you just before leaving Camp Nelson. 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 judge a common soldier's overcoat for field service I should have written you more at the time but we were very busy every moment during our stay there turning over our old Springfield rifles and drawing new ones (Old Patent Springfield 11) and other important of business.

We left Camp Nelson on the 25th inst. and arrived at this place on the 28th 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 further towards
Huntsville. We are now as we have been since we commenced guarding the Bridge in the 23rd A.C. Detached from the 9th A.C. temporarily but Col. Titus received a dispatch from Ft. Brownsville 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 M.P. as ordered by the War Dept. We do not care so much about going back then as we do getting back with the old Corps. Still we think it would be much easier than to walk through the mud to Huntsville at this season of the year. We are at present encamped on the banks of the Cumberland River where the two forks meet and south county together and about eleven miles from Somratt. My health is now better and it seems like old times again to find the boys together and in actual field service and it seems good too to see one's thin ranks so well filled up. I now have 67 men fit for duty. 96 present and about. My Capt. (Stone) is still sick at his home in N. Y. One of our Ots saw your Father Mr. Baggs while we were at Camp Nelson and 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 if
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 24th
they are all quite well there although
it was quite sickly in that vicinity.
How is your and aunt's health I
suppose still aunt-Let me hear that I am going
to answer an article sometime
I have not seen a paper since we left
Camp Nelson as know little of what the
news is of the day. I hear by the way
shaver that the rebel army has nearly
all left-Tn. 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 ever affectionate
nephew

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