

Camp Nelson Ky Jan 18 1864

Dear Uncle

As I promised you in my last (while at Cynthiana) I will write a few lines while I have the opportunity. We did not leave Paris Ky until last Thursday the 14th 8 o'clock P.M. and arrived here Friday we with nothing but the frozen ground to lie upon and the canopy of Heaven for a shelter, we should have moved several days before we did, but the Col. refused to move his men until the weather was more mild, It was 8 degs below zero at the time we received the order.

The 40 Reg Mt Inf has taken our place with their Hqts at Paris. We all regretted to leave very much as we never were so well situated since we have been in the service and had become acquainted with the people in our vicinity so that we just enjoy ourselves as well as we

could wish and all in the vicinity
of the road who knew us expressed
their wish to have us remain by sending
in a petition to Gen Boyl for us to remain
2000 men from Cynthiaana and 1000 from
Paris stating that the 9th Vth was composed
of the best men ever stationed on the Road
The Rebels especially were desirous to have
us stay as they dont fair so well when
soldiers from their own State are among
them It seems like old times I assure you
to find ourselves once more serving our
Country in the Field Our situation at
the present time is not very pleasant or
comfortable nor can it be until the
ground is thawed now but it has been
thawing all day with rain and it is
terrible muddy with prospect for more
tomorrow

Our Regt begins to appear more as it
did when we left Concord N.H., as regards
strength having received recruits enough
to nearly fill its original number; I have
received 39 into my Co (F) so that the Co

now numbers 96 total with 76 for
duty quite a difference from what
there was when the Co returned from Miss. having
only six men for duty but the men
are now nearly all in good health and in
the best of spirits, and they ever will find
the 9th N.H.V. ready to respond to whatever
~~call~~ duty they may be called upon
to do without a murmur and with a
full determination to do their ~~part~~ part
in putting down this rebellion

We are very busy at present organizing and
drawing stores from the L.M. preparatory
to a long march and are also
turning over our old guns ^{Muskegeth} and drawing
new, the (Springfield patent rifle)

We expect to start in a few days for
Brookville Tenn but may stay here for a
month or more I see by the C Commercial
that Gen Burnside is to take command of
the 9th A.C. again with orders to recruit the
same up to 50000 men We are at present
in the 2nd A.C. being temporarily detached
but shall probably be returned to the 9th A.C.

we hope so at least - I have not heard from
Horn for several days but hope to soon
thy ever all well the last I did hear
I hope to hear from thee, you and all
my friends often for I shall think of
you all after when in the mts of Texas
in fact we are already in the mts of Tex
I shall write as often as opportunity appears it-
self. Much love to Aunt Lucy and tell her
I shall be ever happy to hear from her too
hoping this may find you all enjoying your
usual health and to hear from soon I remain
your affectionate nephew

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Lieut-Comdg Co F 9th V H V

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P.S. Direct via Lexington Key as the
Hd qts Dept of Ohio are moved from Cin
to that place. Excuse bad writing for I
am tired wet and cold
C. W.