

Camp. 9th M.H. VolAnnapolis Md. Apr 8th 1864

Dear Mother

we arrived at this place yesterday
 A.M. and I improve the first opportunity of writing
 a few lines to let you know how and
 where I am I wrote you last at Knoxville
 Tenn I received a letter from you while there
 which was the last I heard from home
 we received a mail this morning but I
 received none from home, but as we shall
 receive a daily mail here I hope to hear from
 some of you soon And I feel very anxious
 too As I received a letter from Uncle Stephen
 when at Cincinnati Ohio (on Sunday the 3rd)
 saying that he had heard by way of Uncle
 Frank that you were or had been sick with
 lung fever I should think that I, or
 some one might write I have had no
 opportunity of writing since we left Knoxville
 We left there the 21st of March and arrived
 at Mechanicsville Ky on the 31st " making a
 march of 185 miles in 10 days I stood it well
 until the last two days when I had to
 give out on account of a severe cold on my

lungs I had a slight cold when I left
R and it grew worse until it terminated
to the same as I had last summer but not
quite so severe. We had no transportation
whatever excepting 3 pack mules to a Regt that
only carried two blankets to an officer, every
thing else was sent round via Chatanooga to
Cincinnati, O. but I hired a man to carry me
from Louisville Ky to New Micholismville Ky
so that I got along very well although I was
hardly able to sit up. My liver was very much
out of order and the doctor Dr gave me 12 grains
of blue mass, and I should judge about an oz.
of castor oil, which helped me very much, and
am now entirely rid of my cough and feel
perfectly well otherwise but am not very
strong yet but am doing my duty as usual.
Annapolis is a very pretty place and we have
a very pleasant Camp. About a mile from
Town. The whole 9th A C is here with the
exception of a few Regts which have gone
down on a furlough and reenlisted. Our
Regt has not been out long enough yet to
reenlist yet. still we hope that the old
men of the Regt may be granted a furlough
of a few days. I am not able to say how
long we are to remain here but probably
six or eight weeks. And it is as yet a mystery.

to us all whom we are to go from here
We all hope that it will not be to the
Army of the Potomac

I should try and get a leave of absence
while but if my health was not so much
improved but as it is it will be hardly
possible so long as there is but myself to
command the Co. but I wish very much
that I might get a chance to stop with
you a few days I should have stopped
over a day or two with Neneb & if there had
been any chance I hope the time will come
when I shall not be so closely tied up I expect
that Capt Stone will be here in a few days
if he is able as all of the officers of the 9th A.C.
have been ordered to report here immediately
This seems to be a very healthy locality and
I think the men will improve very much in
health while we remain here after their
hard service. We left Point Barrow on the 27th
of Feb and between that time and the 31st of March
(when we arrived at Nicholville Ky when we took the Co.)
we marched over four hundred miles making
the longest stop (of 3 days) at Knoxville
Taking the time of the year, weather and
roads that we passed over, it has been the
roughest march that we have ever experienced
I never could have been made to believe

that myself and the men could have
endured so much fatigue in the wet
and cold for it either rained or snowed
nearly every other day. But I must stop for
the present. You must excuse this writing
for my hand trembles so I can hardly
hold my pen and I have written it in a
great hurry. I hope to hear from some
of you of the family soon and that
you and all are enjoying good health.
Do not worry about me for if I am
sick I shall come home. I probably shall
not get an opportunity of writing for several
days as I have got a great deal to do as
my Co business has been down since we left
Point-Burnside but I hope to hear from
you soon and often. With much
love to you and all I remain as ever
your affectionate son and brother

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