

Not many eyebrows has a letter from you & how do all of the people get along our time
all the young people that I send them my addresses & I write to me all about them.

So I lost the ball
mistakes of my
with a much more
in this

I shall get along with out a money no paper, & got a letter
from Mira to night it went to North Island. I hope they
she with the rest of them are up to see you. I have not heard
from the 154th reg since last Sunday then I saw them

My. Et Celsius Home Oct. 7 1864

Dear & Beloved Mother,

I will write often to you. You seem to be lonely &
desirous of my return home. It would be with much
pleasure (if peace was restored) to be there & enjoy
the comforts of life & home, but alas the time
has not come for the Soldiers to return to their
friends at home, when the time will come I do not know
but it is my prayer that there may ^{soon} be a termination
of this war, that the Rebels may see their error
& cease their rebellion against this our Government,
times in the western part of the Country seems to be
a hard place for the rebels they meet with defeat
& disaster on every side. I hope that the all wise
being will throw dis may in to the Rebel Camp
will go with our army as they advance & Crown
our arms with success. It seems to me that they will
have to give up soon. McClellan will soon get them
a hard one I think, but I know not. Cheer up
mother I trust & that God will comfort, console,
& take care of you. We do not have any preaching in
our reg, but I learn'd day before yesterday that there is a
prayer meeting in the 2d reg. on Sunday night. I shall
call my self of very opportunity to attend the places
of worship. I do not know if it is as easy to be
good in camp as anywhere, I am sure that I have
time to read more in the Testament than I did at

god bless the day how does mr. miles get along tell him that I think of him often I hope
I have had a good share of the time in my testament. I hope to his ad - let me know when you get it. I hope that it will
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I carry mine with me all of the time & I calculate to Frank Key, tell want to pay in for that horse of mine. how does that
tell I return home, I should like to be there visit him he's a good little cold get along has cold I mean
with Mrs. Palmer, tell her I would be highly pleased to see her & whenever morning I am well & had a good night's sleep
be there & enjoy her company. I will go & see Mr. Palmer if I were all 2 that sleep in the tent they sleep together
up to W. B. & C. I had a letter from you, Ella, John B. should like I sleep alone the drums are a but me for roll call,
and Nelson to night I highly appreciated them, I would I have me a bed fixed so that it is comfortable
there is not a very bad scar on my face where I like to have to lay on. You spoke about dried fruit if you
got hurt in the City a person will not observe him for have a plenty some dried berries & cherries would be
it much. I am quite healthy I weigh 180 lbs I have a, s, exceptable baby when I get into winter quarters.
gained the boys say in flesh & look tougher than I should get apples would come in play if it did not cost
did when I come here. I can stand some tramping any to much to get it here. If you make some small apple
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& run. if they had tried our men they would find in construction west by south west from here. who is member
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you have sold the butter well I am glad of will help some. tell me how much the butter come to.
it. it will count some that money was sent I wish you had some cheese & honey to send me with the
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Mr. Goff of D. probably it will go through me; butter is 35 a pound here not very good at that.
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what will they do if we were taken from them it seem to be the staff of the Church. tell Ezra Hoppins I am trying to
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I have not got any pay from U.S. since I came here, but will probably get it in the month of November. I will send some money when I get it.

good apples for two onions & a piece milk
10 a pint can get it of some for 50 a quart that
is quite reasonable. This Brigade is not full yet
by a great deal, I am on fatigue duty to day I will
keep this till night & send it out in the morning.
I got in from fatigue duty about 8 o'clock, I have been
to work a grubbing stumps & clearing the bushes for a
new fort a little ways from here, there are 2 forts just
commenced up there, they are 1/2 of a mile apart I should think
they are of great many in sight of those forts to morrow
there are going to be some 1500 traders to work up there
at fort Ellsworth there are 1500 of them, they have a
guard over them that makes them work, the boys that go
from here do not have to work any harder than they are a
mind to, I had rather go out there to starve in camp it is
healthier I think to be out there on the hill & enjoy the fresh
breezes, I am quite a hand for fresh air the nurse in Dr.
C's Hospital thought so my way, we have a healthy
situation here to compare, Charley was out of his head
when they took him to the hospital, he was buried in a very
nice place the boys fenc'd a lot of for a burying ground
of old trees around it he has 3 cedar posts to denote the
place where he is laid his name is on it, all of the boys
say that they thought a good deal of him they speak
highly of him, if convenient (that if so I can) I shall
visit the place, Mr. Cullen is in Chartstown he is adwarming
he had some thing of a fight I do not know how much, it is
the best of weather for the army to move the days are cool
I had borrowed 3 stamps to send letters off so I have not had 3 left
if convenient please send some in your next, I owe you 5 letters now
written soon.

P. Jones,

from your affectionate son

E. W. Jones