

now is the sleeping, there this winter is there
much have you heard from Israel
since that one you send me,
there was a death in our regiment a few
days ago in Co. C. the 12th New York V,
the Co. Excel, a new reg. has lost a great
many by disease a great many more than
the others have, we have flour so
that we make no span-pakes, always
buy on all that with a few hard tacks
we get along very well flour is only 85^{cts} per
100 lbs, according to the scales here
I weigh 199 lbs my flesh is hard as
the old man & comparatively speaking,
I expect that the young people are having
ing a good time there this winter, I
the news of Frank Crossgroves death
must have been quite hard for Mr.
Crossgrove, but he has a comforting con-
solation that is he died happy.
it is well with the Christian let him
die where he may, write soon.
Yours &c,
G. W. Jones

Camp N. Taylor Feb 20th 1863
Dear Parents,

I received a note from
you in John's letter stating that
you had got that \$45, or also more
I am glad that you have got it with-
out more trouble than you did have,
got that box the 12th it is a very
good one indeed. The boys say they never
saw a better one come into the Co, there was
nothing hard but 2 or 3 apples they were
decayed, you have a good taste for arran-
ging one for a soldier. Those cherries are high-
ly appreciated, as well as the Sugar,
has said he has got that letter & write
-er, you must have dried a good many
berries last summer I should think by
the amount you sent me, the boys were

or are a
good pair but they are too small for me I could
not get them on I do not know but they would
have been big enough for me when at home but
I think not. saying the government bro-
gams & Solong it has made my feet some
larger. You will say that they were large
enough before? The weather has been
raining & snowing for 4 days back to day
is pleasant with a cool refreshing wind
from the north west. we have target shoot-
ing 3 times a week. the 5th of march we are
going to shoot for a prize. the prizes are
\$25. or 2^d best \$10. the 5th of
Col. Stevens awards the prizes.
The roads are very ~~very~~ muddy it is
hard work for the teams to get along
with their loads, there is a large detail
made out of this regiment every day to build
corduroy road. Dickles has got back from
N. Y. City he is in command of a Corp now.

our division went out on a little Ramp
the 5th 6th & 7th we went some 22 or 23
miles and back to camp. the ground
was frozen & hard to travel on. I have
not been excused for any duty yet, I
have been with the regiment on every march
that they have made since I joined it,
m. c. Rice seems to think that we ought to move
& drive the 15⁰⁰ rebels away from the other
side of the river. I wish that those brave & good
Generals, & soldiers along the river would
come down here & try their luck in the mud
we would willingly look at the flying
enemy from a safe position in the rear of the
home guard. people may talk as much
as they are a mind to. if we cannot move
in wa. march with our wagons & artillery
besides there would be a great expence of
health in laying out in the rain on the
damp ground.