

Camp Willard Nov. 16th, 1862

Dear Parents

I am well this morning & hope that this will find you the same. we started from Manassas the 7th at night we traveled till we got to broad run then camped in the woods over night. the next morning early we started for Warenton Junction & here we are now we got here Saturday about 2 P.M. after we had got our beds made and laid down to sleep Co. G had to get up & go out on picket. it snowed the 7th. Nov. 17th. I had time to commence my letter yesterday. I had to help put our tent yesterday. we have A tents. we had shelter tents till yesterday. we had some straw to lay on last night, 2 rubbers 2 pieces of shelter tents & my over coat in under me, 2 blankets over me. there are 4 of us in this tent. (Watts, Charly Allen, Fuller & myself.) they are good boys to tent with. our bed was so much softer than common that we could not sleep as well as common. a week ago yesterday the boys brought in sheep, cattle, & hogs quite plenty we had plenty of fresh meat to eat for several days. the Col. ordered the buchering to stop so the boys do not kill now. I have heard the roar of artilyery in battle the 10th 11th I heard them all day most the 11th. our reg. went down to see Gen. McClellan go by when the train was coming in there was a salute fired. we cheered him in the ranks stacked arms broke ranks & went to the carrs to see & hear him. he said that he must bid us good bye. it seemed & was hard to bid you good bye, but if you follow Burnside as well as you have me & all wood be well." the tears run down his cheeks as he spoke it was quite a while before he could speak. I am afraid that it was an unwise move in changing commanders, but maybe it is for the best. I think that there would have been a battle before this if he had remained in command.

Gen. Halleck went by here the 12th. a lot of reb Prisoners were taken by the 13th we went out on picket the 14 I was stationed at a house that was owned by a reb sergon it was quite a good house well firmished when our boys come the boys saw a good many things that they wanted if the Dr. should come back he would [see] that Sickles's theivs had been there. at night the Negros as me down to eat supper. I had a good supper out of boiled beans, peach sauce, fresh pork & hoacake. in the morning I had hoacake, biscuits, pork & milk you may imagine that hoacake & milk went well. in the night I had to stay up 3 hours the rest of the time I staid in the house by a fire in a fire place. I slept warm without any thing over me. the 15th I got that box. I enjoy the dryed fruit, butter & chees well. in the morning of the 16th I got a letter from you & leslie. tell chapin & _____ that I am very much obliged to them for their kind favor. I appreciate their gift and the taste of it allso. I have had all of the hickory nuts that I want to eat since I have been here I have some 3 or 4 quarts on hand now. Gen. Burnside went by last night. some one stole the Col's. & liut. Col's. horses last night troops are coming from warington by here to Fredricksburg. we will go there in 2 or 3 days. I guess the Col. says that we will not stay here long. I shall cary the contents of my box with me that is what is not eaten up before we go. do not send any thing more to me till I tell you to. I share with the boys in the tents. they expect boxes, then I shall go in with them when we move. we 4 can carry all. the box was compleat except for ___ sugar to sweeten the sauce. this is the last of my paper & cannot by any. but I can get some of the boys I guess.

write soon. yours ever,

Electus W. Jones

give these pictures to Ella. tell her they were taken out of a rebs house have her write to me she has more paper & time than I do.

Has Martin Harmon broke his arm. have you got that money \$45 yet let me know.