

was Martin Harmon broke his arm, have you got that
Camp Willard Nov. 16th. 1862

Dear Parents, money & paper led me know.

I am well this morning & hope that

this will find you the same, we started from Abams
Sas. 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 Warrenton 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 we had to go up & down
on picket. It snowed the 17th. Nov. 17th I had to
commence my letter yesterday. I had to help put our tent
yesterday, we have 4 tents, we had 8 shelter tents till yester-
day. we had some straw to lay on last night, 2 rubbers
& pieces of shelter tents & my over coat under me,
& blanket 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~~ ~~did 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 bushing to stop & the boys do not kill now.
I have heard the roar of artillery in battle, the 10th & 11th
I heard them all day more. 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 & then our arms broke & we went to the
cars to see & hear him, he said that he must bid
us good by. It seemed & was hard to bid you good
bye, but I you & allow Burnsides as well as you

have me ball word. & well 22
 The tears run down his cheeks as he spoke. It was quite
 a while before he could speak. I am proud that it was an
 unwise move in chaining my Commanders but maybe it is for
 the best. I think that there would have been a battle
 were this if he had remained in command.
 Gen. Halleck went by here the 12th. a lot of reb. Prison^{ers}
 were taken by the 13th we went out on picket the 14th
 I was stationed at a house that was owned by a reb.
 surgeon. I was quite a good horse well furnished when
 our boys came. The boys saw a good many things that
 they wanted if the Dr. should come back he would
 that sickles's things had been there at night the Negro
 as me down to eat supper. I had a good supper out of boiled
 beans, peach sauce, fresh pork & hoe cake, in the morning
 I had hoe cake, biscuits, pork & milk you may imagine
 that hoe cake & 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 fireplace. I slept on a rug with a blanket over me.
 the 15th I got that box of enjoy the dried fruit butter &
 cheese in the morning of the 16th I got a letter from
 Gen. & Leslie. Tell Chapin to send that box to me
 I liked to them it is kind of a favor I appreciate
 gift and the taste of it also. I had had all of the whiskey
 out that I want the last since I have been here I have some
 sor & quarts on hand now. Gen. Burns is due now by last
 night. Some one stole the Col's & sent Col's horses last
 night troops are coming from nearington by here to
 Fredricksburg. we will gather in 2 or 3 days I guess.
 The Col. says that we will not stay here long I shall carry
 the contents of my box with me that is what is not sent
 up before we go, do not send any thing more to me till
 I tell you to, I shall write the boys in the tent. they expect
 to see me. then I shall go in with them when we move out
 4 can curd milk. The box was complicated enough
 sugar to sweeten the same. this is the last of my paper
 & cannot by any, but I can get some of the boys I guess.
 with soon, yours ever,
 Elihu W. Jones

just thought I better to tell you all this they were taken out of camp
 not here but in the house the mess was kept in the house