

Camp Nelson Taylor Va. Jan. 20th/63

Dear Cousin,

I am well & hope that this will find you the same. we got an order a few minutes ago that we were to move at 1 o'clock to meet the enemy once more the other side of the river. the late successes in the west have weakened the force the other side of the river & now is the time to strike a deadening blow to them. the order come direct from Maj. Gen. Burnside's to us. we will have a good time I hope.

Sickles's Division will have more to do this time than the part that we played in the last battle. we have had good quarters to stay for a short time probably better than we will see very soon after we leave. we were paid the other day up to the 1<sup>st</sup> of Nov. I received \$35.10. I have sent some home.

The boys feel in better spirits than we did before we got the greenbacks. the people down west are giving the enemy fits. I hope that we may reach Richmond soon.

I would like to take old Jeff to Washington as a relic of the nefarious Confederacy, but probably he will keep one side at the time of danger. we have a strong force here to take the enemy's attention.

Leslie how do you get along this winter what are you doing how are all of the people in your town how did you like Mira. don't you think that I was about right. did you enjoy yourself well when she was there.

do you see our folks often. have you sold your colt if so how much did you get.

we have got good water & a good place for to stay my hand trembles & cannot think of anything.

write soon

yours &c

Electus W. Jones