

Letter #1 to his younger brother, Joseph Henry Long

Camp Nevin, Oct. 29 (61

Dear Brother:

Having the opportunity Of sending you a few lines to let you know that I have arrived at the place of my destination in Hardin County Kentucky in good health and like it much better than any other place that I have been at yet, it is a very pleasant Country, indeed it seems like old Lancaster County. I did not send any word home in regards to the close that I sent back when we left Camp Wilkens there was a large box sent to Lancaster and I put my carpet bag and some close in it and had it sent to farther in care of Mr Lechlars Lancaster perhaps they are at home while I am writing but I had forgot to write about them and I thought it was better late than never and I thought that I would just mention it in this letter. Joe I do not know whether you got my letters or not, but I have not got any from you yet I wish that you would write as soon as you get this letter. it is of no use that I tell you about anything about the war as you will find all the news in the paper that you will get all that I can tell you is that there is at present time about forty thousand troops around our Camp. Joe while I am writing, the flying Artillery are out drilling and they loaded there cannon and then discharged them and such a time you never saw, the fellows running out one overtop of the other to get out to see the fun. in fact I run out myself, too. well I must stop writing as it is almost time to go on guard. I was on guard last night and part of today and have two hours to serve yet and then I am done for a while. tell all that may ask for me that I am well and hope that these few lines will find all my friends in good health. tell mother that I am going to send a letter to Samuel Hoar to give her that money of mine and she can do as she pleases with it. Joe please send me some postage stamps to write back to you as it is very hard to get them here, write as soon as you can Direct your letter to R.C. Long, Camp Nevin, Nolens P.O. Hardin County, Kentucky, Company E, 77th Regiment , P.Vs

yours the volunteer

R.C. Long