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Mrs Andrew Upson,
Plantville,
Conn.

Camp of the 2nd C. V.
Near Kellys Ford Va.
Sep. 15th 1863

My Dear Wife -

Yours of the 11th came yesterday - I have no news to communicate - We have no orders to move - The report prevails that Gen Meades army is mostly over the river - The Chronicle of Monday Morning contains a brief account of the affair which I described to you - Pleasanton instead of Kelpatrick it seems is in command of the cavalry - They were successful But doubtless you read it all in yesterdays Tribune - This morning we were notified that Gen Hecum would probably inspect our camp & quarters to-morrow - Consequently to day will be given to just such a fixing up as often takes place in kind when a district school is to be examined - The boys hate this work - but there is no escape - I understand the Gen also proposes to review his whole corps - Hope it is true; for I want to see the whole body together -

The boys got their green backs yesterday - Payments are regular now - Every two months we are sure to behold the officer who dispenses Uncle Sam's pictures - The boys are not as flush as heretofore - They had to settle up clothing accounts with the government - The allowance to each volunteer is \$42 worth a year - Those who

lost their extra clothes in Chancellorsville battle were credited a fair valuation - The average amount deducted was about 18 dollars - But some of Co E had so much overrun their allowance as to exhaust the two months pay which was ready yesterday - Some in other companies had only a few cents due - It illustrates the difference in care & economy which characterizes different individuals -

The company will send home 295 dollars - That amount has been paid in & to day I shall forward the check to Ed. Hotchkiss - You are not approved on this time -

A squad of the engineer corps encamped near us last night - They will lay a pontoon this morning to facilitate the passage of supply trains - What else may follow I don't know - I wrote you something about the operations that took place in obtaining a Chaplain for this Regiment - Some facts came to light this morning that unriddled the whole thing to me - I wish you to be very cautious about any remarks on the matter of it excites any comment at home - But you know I was absent from the Regt. & knew nothing of the affair until every thing had transpired - The fact is Ross did a very unwise thing with Mr Fletcher - He is alone responsible for the disappointment - I have no time for more - My unruly conscript is docile as a kitten - He has just come up to the tent with a large bundle of American Meppengers - Some one of the Missions met him & away he started on the new errand - A curious boy - Sunday morning he was fractious as a wild bull & it took three men to put on his knapsack - But 12 hours walking took the stiffness out of his stubborn neck & I verily believe the best thing that has happened to him was this firm discipline - We shall see -

Hastily yours
J. W. Jones