

Head Lrs Pooos 1 Marshal Office
Warrenton Va July 31st /63.

Dear Cousin.

I Recd your very welcome letter
Tuesday night together with eight from home and
I assure you they were gladly recd. they being the
first letters since receiving you at Yorktown.

The friends at home were all well when they
wrote. The girls would be at home the first of
next month to spend vacation. I Recd a letter
from Lizzie this week she was going home to spend
a few weeks next month, & when she returned would
join her husband at Newbern N.C. So much for
getting married during war times. There was a wedding
in Ireland last week. You perhaps remember
the lame teacher who was teaching in our district
during your visit with us. He was married to a
Miss Cowart one of our nearest neighbors & by the
way a very fine young lady except to the cause.

Since leaving Yorktown we have been wandering
a considerable & have at last reached this place
July twenty fifth. In the first place we took Steamers

to Washington & then by Balt & Ohio R.R. to Frederick
Md. where we remained for two days waiting
for baggage which was cut off by a break in the
R.R. & had the break taken place a few hours
before we started we should have been sent to
New York to quench the riot. The remainder of our
Brigade are there, they being behind us some six
hours. The Regt left Frederick for Berlin, a small
Town on the Potomac, fourteen miles above G.
Remained there two days, crossed the River on
Pontoons and taking up our line of march along
the West Eastern Slope of the Mountain until
we came near Manassas Gap. Then South east
to this place, via Salina. The Country through which
we passed was the best I have seen since we landed
on the sacred Soil. Most of it was excellent farming
land. Saw considerable wheat standing in the
Shock & most of last Years crop was still in
the Stack not threshed. Asked the reason
of it not being threshed, they told me there was
no market. Well I doubt it much, as Flour is
worth from thirty to Forty dollars C.S. per barrel
that would seem like a good market to a Yankee.
This was one a very fashionable Town, it being
near to the Sulphur Springs & frequented by
visitors from all parts of the State. Now not a
store is open, and many houses are deserted. Very

few males are left & what remain are better than.
Since we left Frederick we have been assigned
to Genl ^{of Patrick's} Meade's Hd Qrs, he being Provost Mar of the
Army of the Potomac. That is why we are doing
provost duty in this place. We expect to leave here
soon, I think about Monday, as we are to be turned
over to a Cavalry Regt. Our Colonel returned from
Washington last night, has been absent in regard
to our being mounted. He is a Cavalry Officer of
the Regular Army with twenty years expe-
rience, & we are in hopes of making a Regt that
will do credit to the Service, we furnish most
of our own horses. It is reported we go to Laurel
Hill Md to drill. I shall look in your next
letter should I be favored another for your photo-
graph for which I shall wait patiently.

We have glorious news from the west, that
Morgan is a prisoner & believe in your A.C.
I trust he will get his just reward. Every
thing at present looks encouraging & I pray
we may soon see our Country restored to peace.
As it is near dinner time I must close this wandering
letter with much love to all I am, as ever your
Affectionate Cousin

L Am.

P.S. direct to Washington Last week saw Cous Sean
D. Co. Kelly of 84th Cavlry. he was
very well.

