Camp of the 11th N.Y.
Inct Battery Light Art,
Fort Wheaton Feb 5th
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Dear Mother,

I received a your very kind letter of the 29th this morning — and I can assure you that I was very happy to hear from you and learn that you are enjoying good health, It is a very great blessing which we ~~should~~ should all prize very highly, I do not know as I ever enjoyed better health in my life than I am enjoying at present

You would be astonished to see how fleshy I am getting to be —

I am glad that my grand Father did not purchase

that place of Mr. Brown —
~~It~~ I think that it is a very poor time to ~~buy~~ buy a farm when realestate is so high — There considerable excitement in camp at present. All of the men that cannot march have been sent to City Point and the larger postion our corps and the fifth and sixth corps are now under marching orders. — Two of our caissons ~~have~~ went early this morning to ~~go~~ join the ammunition train and orders have just come for us to hold ~~ourselves~~ ourselves in readiness to move at a moments notice. Some of my comrades are all ready ~~to~~ packing up ~~our~~ their knapsacks — ~~Pat~~

We will undoubtedly have go within the defences of around City Point — consequently we will not be aft to participate in the fight — I cannot tell where they intend to fight — You will undoubtedly hear the particular long before ~~at~~ you receive this

You need not feel any uneasy about me for I shall try and take care of myself

I have not time to write more at present, I will close hoping to hear from you soon

Yours &c
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