Camp of 11th N.B.
Ind Battery
Near Vaughn Road
Feb 19th 1865

Dear Mother

"Having a few leisure moments I thought I would employ them in trying to ~~learn~~ let you know how I am getting along in my new home —

We have ~~a~~ just got our new quarters up and are now living very comfortable"

I am ~~now~~ now seated ~~very~~ by the side of a good blazing fire — I have been very busy during the past week — putting

up a house to live in
It is built of logs —
We took and split them
and put up our tent
in the form of a stock-
ade — and covered it
with canvas — It is
very comfortable here
We left our old camp
last monday — and
now we are lying
near the Vaughn Road
Our guns are mount-
ed in ~~wat~~ what is called
Battery "B" Our men
have thrown up some
very strong earthworks
and I think there will
be trouble about hold-
ing their position
The boys are now
cooking ~~his~~ a mess of
beans — I shall cover

have to go on guard
and when I come off
I expect to have a
fine meal —
I wrote to you last
~~monday~~ monday —
I have not heard
from home in little
more than a week —
I heard from uncle
Wm Dunham. He
is at Punga Landing
He says that he is
enjoying exilent health
I hear that
Gen Grant has made
arrangements for the ex-
change of prisoners of
war — And I presume
that in the course of a
few weeks that Uncle
~~John~~ John (if living) will

be exchanged — You
last ~~Sunday~~ Friday I saw
~~an~~ a young man shot
for desertion — he belong-
ed to the 124th N.Y. His
name was John Hoffman
— I have not time to
write more at present
so I so will have to close
hoping I shall hear from
you soon —

Your affectionate son
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