

Emory Hospital

May 22nd 1865

Dear Mother

Your very kind and welcome letter of May 8th & 14th was received today and I can assure you that I was glad to hear from you __ It is the first time that I have not heard from home in over a month __ The money and postage stamps arrived all safe __ I am now getting to mail_ I enjoy the ? good health __ I got so that I have a good appetite and am gaining strength __ very fast __ I got so that I can walk around over with in the hospital grounds. I suppose that I will be ? free from here to Philadelphia tomorrow of next day- I had my name taken for that purpose night before and from Philadelphia I suppose they will transfer me to my own state and they will discharge me __ you may expect me home some time between now and the fourth of July __ The armies by around Washington City will pass in grand review tomorrow or next day __ you spoke of your not hearing from my ?(Jones?) __ it is now my conviction that he has died by starvation within the south in some rebel dungeon __ I have ? hopes that such was not the case __ But ?? since our armies have ? so ? and all the (missing?) soldiers have been exchanged or delivered over to us__ everything goes to prove that cannot be living Such a death is most horrible to think of __ but one must bear up under such burdens of sorrow as best we can You spoke of ? being N.Y. City I may possible see him when I get there __ I have not anything so will I will close you need not write until you hear from me again

Your affectionate son

Geo D. Barringer

? I forgot to say that I have had the very best of care taken of me since I have been sick __ the most the fault I can find is that I have been moved about considerable __ but I now am well enough so that will not tire me much?

Geo D. Barringer