Camp of the 11th N.Y. Battery
March 16th 1865.

Dear Mother

Having a few leisure moments I thought I would try and write you a few lines — We have just been out on monthly inspection — It would be quite a curiosity for some to see a whole battery out on inspection Each man is required to be clean and have his boots blacked — All are dressed alike and in full uniform — Drivers must have there horses well groomed and the trimings of ~~the~~ their ~~[illegible]~~ harnesses must all be bright — The quarters must be all clean

and in good condition — We were just called out a few minutes ago — ordered to send all surplus baggage to artillery Brigade head quarters immediately" — All of the necessary preparations are being made for an active campaign — All the sutlers are sent to the rear and every thing that is considered to be a burden to our army when it is on the move — We are liable to move at any moment — we generally move nights so as to avoid the heat of the day" — The fifth, Sixth & second corps are now under marching orders — It would be impossible for me to tell where we will go — I attended church a ~~few~~ a few nights ago —

It would be quite a novelty for you to ~~send~~ see us attending church in the army — Our chappel is not construct ~~of~~ with the beauty and magnifficence of modern architecture — but is hewn out in ~~in~~ the rough stile with which soldiers are compelled to build — It was about thirty feet long & twenty feet wide — It was built of pine logs which are split and set up in the form of a stockade and covered with ~~canvas~~ canvas — ~~In~~ In one corner stands the chaplins desk and in an other corner ~~stands~~ ~~stan~~ is a case containing a library for the ~~soldiers~~ soldiers —

We are having fair ~~weather~~ weather at present is as warm here at present as

it is in Otsego in midsumer—

Not having anything more to write I will close hoping I may ~~see~~ hear from you soon— Please write as often as you can conveniently

Your son

Geo D Barringer

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