

Camp of the 11th N., Y.,
2nd Battery Light Art,
Fort Wheaton Feb, 3rd
1864

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 ____ †

I think that it is a very poor time to ~~buy~~ buy a farm when real estate is so high,, ____

There is considerable excitement in camp at present

All of the men that cannot march have been sent to City Point and the larger position our corps and the fifth and sixth corps are now under marching orders,, ____ Two of our cousins ~~have~~ went early this morning to ~~go~~ join the ammunition train and orders have just come for us to hold ~~ourselves~~ ourselves in readiness at a moment's notice,, Some of my comrades are all ready ~~to~~ packing up ~~our~~ their knapsack ____ ~~We~~

We will undoubtedly have to go with in the defenses ~~of~~ around City,, Point,, ____ consequently we will not be apt to participate in the fight ____ I cannot tell where they intend to fight ____ you will undoubtedly hear the particular long before ~~we~~ 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

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