

Camp of the 11<sup>th</sup> N., Y.,  
 Battery Fort Wheaton  
 Jan 21<sup>st</sup> 1865

Dear Mother

Your very kind letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> was received yesterday-I was very glad at hear from you and learn that you was well

You spoke about taking breakfast ~~me~~with me ,, I can assure you then that many people live ~~we~~ on worse food the soldiers do,, It is true that do not live on cakes and knick knacks –but a general thing we have plenty of good ~~substa~~\_\_\_\_\_ ~~sub~~\_\_\_\_\_substantial food which makes our men robust and healthy –I have ~~go~~just finished my dinner \_\_\_\_\_and I had some just as nice beef stalk as I ever ate ~~at~~ ~~he~~ in my life We have beef stalk once a week and sometimes twice,, I can tell you what kind of a bed we have-We drove some stakes in the ground and we cut some ~~of~~small poles and lay them ~~a~~\_\_\_\_\_t across-We then take some hay and and spread over them-We then spread one of our ~~\_~~blankets on this –the rest of them we throw over us,, We have got four woolen blankets and one ruber blanket-We generally role up our over coats and place them under for a pillow-You may think that this is a slim kind of bed-but I can ~~asu~~assure you that I take as much comfort and sleep as well on it as I would on a feather ~~^~~bed ~~b~~\_\_\_\_\_d,, - The soldiers take much more comfort than I expected they could before I left home My bunk mate is Corp H,, W,, Parsnerlee,, He is a very nice young man ,,

Lieut Gen,, W,, Davy is in command of our battery at present,, We have got no Captain ,, -I have received the diary you sent,, I also received a ~~letter~~ ~~a~~paper at the same time I received you last letter,, I have read the letter concerning the sufferings of the ~~rebel~~^our prisoners ~~in~~at Andersonville –I have no doubt but what the prisoners suffer much that I fear that that letter is an exageration,, You spoke of my Uncle John,, I do not believest ~~\_\_\_~~d to death-We should not despair as long as there are hopes,, -As for Betsy, I think that if she has any respect for her friends or her children she will c ~~\_~~use such unlady-like conduct and and spend her time by looking after the well- ~~\_\_\_~~ of her children while her husband ~~w~~\_\_\_\_\_is confined within the dungeons of our enemy-~~f~~I have received ~~\_~~ pay from ~~our~~ ~~c~~\_\_\_\_\_the government yet and the prospects is that the paymaster will not be here this month,,

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It will certainly be two or three months before we will be paid off and perhaps even longer-When I get it-I shall send the most of it home,, and you ~~ea~~\_\_\_\_\_ can have what you want of it to use-I will send you an order on ~~m~~Mr, Bissell for \$25 twenty-five dollars,, -You may use part of it in getting up a ~~bo~~tbox to send to me and the rest you may use yourself-~~need~~ ~~not~~You will plase send one fifty postage stamp,, -You had better present the order to mr Bissell as soon as you get- There will nothing lost by taking it-For as soon as I get my money from US government I can replace it-It is raining very hard at present,, -We have had no snow hereto amount to any thing since I have been here-It is warm and pleasant most of the time,, I have not much more to write ~~at~~so I will close hoping to hear from you again,,

Your Son

Geo D. Barringer.

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