

Barringer

Camp of the 11th N., Y.,
 and Battery
New Hatchers Run
Feb 13th 1865

Dear Mother,

It is under rather peculiar circumstances that I am now writing you these few hurried lines-We left our old camp early this morning-I am now in our new camp and am writing this letter by the light of a big blazing fire which is made of big pitch pine knots-I am now lying down upon a few peices of pouches and ~~w~~ using my knapsack for a writing desk-Our encampment is situated in the midst of a thicket of small pin_ near Hatcher's Run-It would astonash you to see _____ t of land that _____ army has cleared of within the short time we have been in ~~thi~~ this vicinity-The timber has been used for building quarters, constructing _____ brestworks and making cordary roads-I have been to work hard all day helping to split out timber for building our cabin-We are going to have a very pleasant camp if we are alowed to remain here long enough to fix it up,, But if the weather con_____tinues fure I think it is doubtfullwether we remain here long-To night for the firt time since I have been in I shall sleep on the ground,, For our tent to night we have set up a couple of crutches in in the ground and laid a pole in then and spread a _____ paulin over it for a covering-I think ^I shall take considerable comfort _____ while sleeping by a good warm fire,, Its warm and very pleaset out to night Not a cloud dots the fermnent above-The moon sheets forts its pale light over the surrounding landscape-and as far as the ~~eye~~ eye can extend can be seen the light of the blazing camp fires-making a most sublime and magnificent scene-Feeling a little fatigued ^from my days _____ I shall have to close my letter for the ~~the~~ present-I am well as usual-We are having very pleasant weather here at present-You need not be surprised If you should not here from me soon for I ~~sl~~ shall have so much work to do that I shall not have a _____ time to write-I received a letter from my Aunt Susan to day-she was well

Yours in heart

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