

Barringer

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 their horses well groomed and the trimmings of their harnesses must all be bright-The guards 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 action campaign- All the sutters 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 nights ago It would be quite a novelty for you to see us attending church in the army-Our chappel is not constructed with the beauty and magnificence of another architecture-but is hewn out in the rough style 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-In one corner stands the chaplains desk and in an other corner is a case containing a library for the soldiers-We are having fair weather at present is as warm here at present as it is in Otseego in midsummer- Not having anything more to write I will close hoping I may hear from you soon-Please write as often as you can conveniently

Your son

Geo D Barringer

"Direct as before"