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Illinois

Camp of 11th N.Y. Inf
Battery March 22nd 1862

Dear Mother

Upon this warm and pleasant spring morning when all nature glows with ~~[illegible]~~ loveliness and ~~beauty~~ beauty I am comfortably seated within our little cabin trying to write you a few lines to let you know how I am getting along.

It rained very hard during yesterday but it has cleared off and is very pleasant to day. We have been having some very warm weather during the past two weeks. It is nearly as warm here now it is in the month of June in Otsego Co.

Last Sunday this brigade was reviewed by Maj General Humphrey.

We are expecting that there will

be another grand review with [illegible] a few days — I visited the 152nd Reg last Sunday and saw ~~George~~ Geosge Manchester. He was making preparations for to go out on review —

He seemed to be enjoying very good health. I had an introduction to Capt. Holden of Co. H ~~H~~ — He said that Alonzo Wellman belonged to His ~~company~~ company but I did not see him — I presume that I should not know him if I should see him — There is but very few men in the regiment that I was acquainted with — &c &c

I see by the Sunday morning that there has been a ~~Hen~~ heavy fresket up in the state of N.Y. You will please let me know some of the particulars concerning it when you write to me again —

You would be surprised if you knew how ~~much~~ much sport

the soldiers have well while in camp— We have several in the battery who can play upon the violin — and also two violins — We have a very smooth & nice park in front of our tents — The boys congregate upon this ground when there are bright and pleasant evenings and have a dance — We have several different kinds of musical instrument with in the battery — such as the Concertena — Accordian — Flute &c. — We have first rate times while in camp — But I suppose we shall see rather rougher times when the campaign commences — It is rumored that the sutlers are to be allowed to come back to the army but I can hardly believe it — I presume the fact the army will not lie still much longer if the weather continues

fair and the roads keep in good order" — It is expected that there will be a grand review of the second corps this afternoon or tomorrow — Our battery will not go out but will be used to hold the position of two or three batteries along the line — About a half a mile from here the lines of the two armies are so near together that the pickets can ~~hear from~~ converse with each other — the rebels seem to be very much disheartened — and large numbers of ~~[illegible]~~ disserters come into our lines every night" — When one takes close observations of the national affairs it is plain to be seen that peace is near at hand" — a few more decisive battles I feel sure must prove that this ~~[illegible]~~ rebellion is a failure" — Not many more to write I will close hoping I may hear from you soon — Give my respects to all inquiring friends and write all of the news — There is nothing in the army that seems so good as to have plenty of news from home —

Your ~~[illegible]~~ Son

Geo. J. S. Barringer"

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it to your own use — You must use it ~~as~~ ~~you~~ in the way you ~~the~~ think it will do you the most good" — Last thursday our corps was out on review — ~~Our~~ Our battery ~~m~~ was left to ~~[illegible]~~ hold the lines while the rest were out on review — But I got the liberty to go and see it — It was reviewed by Gen Meade, Warren, Humphrey, Bartlett, Griffin, and ~~[illegible]~~ several others — I had a good view of all these generals — and also a good view of the troops for they all had to pass by where I stood — It took the line about two hours to pass by — there are about thirty thousand men in this corps — Lay.

Yesterday morning about daylight ~~[illegible]~~ we were ~~[illegible]~~ by hearing heavy

Cannonading in the direction of Pettersburg. And while we were speculating as to what might be the cause of it an orderly came ~~rolling~~ rideling into camp in great haste — and we then received orders to ~~at~~ pack up immediately be ready to move a moments notice — We had scarcely got ready when we heard a volly of musketry along our front line — "Skirmishing was ~~kept~~ kept up all day" — during the day troops were hurried forward and a line ~~[illegible]~~ of battle was formed in front of our ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ battery. This line was moved ~~[illegible]~~ forward through a small piece of woods which lies about three hundred yards in front of our ~~[illegible]~~ battery — part of our lines layed out in an open field — those in the field had to lay down ah on the ground

the rebels charged upon ~~us~~ our
troops about four oclock and
then charged upon our main
line of battle. When the enemy ~~and~~
with in a ~~pass~~ few rods of our lines
the men rose upon ~~our~~ their feet and
poured volley after ~~[illegible]~~ volley into
the ranks of the enemies — again
and again they attacked our lines
but were every time repulsed — with
severe ~~loss~~ loss. From four oclock
untill after dark our troops held the
same line ~~as~~ and moved in neither direction
when they ~~[illegible]~~ attacked the rebels
and ~~[illegible]~~ drove them in to their works.
Our officers said the roaring of musket
reg of any they ever heard before.
~~[illegible]~~ Our battery threw a ~~[illegible]~~ few
rounds of shell over a peice of
woods into ~~our~~ their lines — There was but
very little artillery used on account
of so much woods — we captured about
six hundred prisoners in front of
this corps — They looked raged and
care worn — some were bare foot one
our boys gave one of the prisoner a pair
of boots — and the prisoners said that
such a pair would be worth seventy
dollars. I hear that they have had
some severe fighting in front of
the sixth and ninth corps. You will
undoubtedly receive all of the par-
ticulars concerning it long before
you receive this — I have lost my
diary and all of my postage stamps
I shall have to borrow one to put on
this letter. You will please send me
a diary — and some stamps also
send me a few steel pens — the sitter
have most all left the army and
it is hard to find any thing we want
Yours &c George. E Parrin

Camp of the 11th
N.Y. Ind Battery
March 24th 1865

Mother

Your very kind and welcome letter of the 19th was received last evening — and I was very glad to hear from you and to learn that you are all enjoying good health — You stated that you had not received any letter from last week — There has not been a week in some time but I have, at the least calculation written two letters home, Week before last wrote letter home every day — You asked me what you should do with the money I sent you — I intended that you should apply —

I am well as usual, You must not expect to hear from me as often when we go on the march as you do now — I presume you may have some more of the blue here before long — I do not have camp anywhere near Grants army & next quarters —

You may respect an all enduring friends and will wrote you [illegible] Tell Emmet [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]